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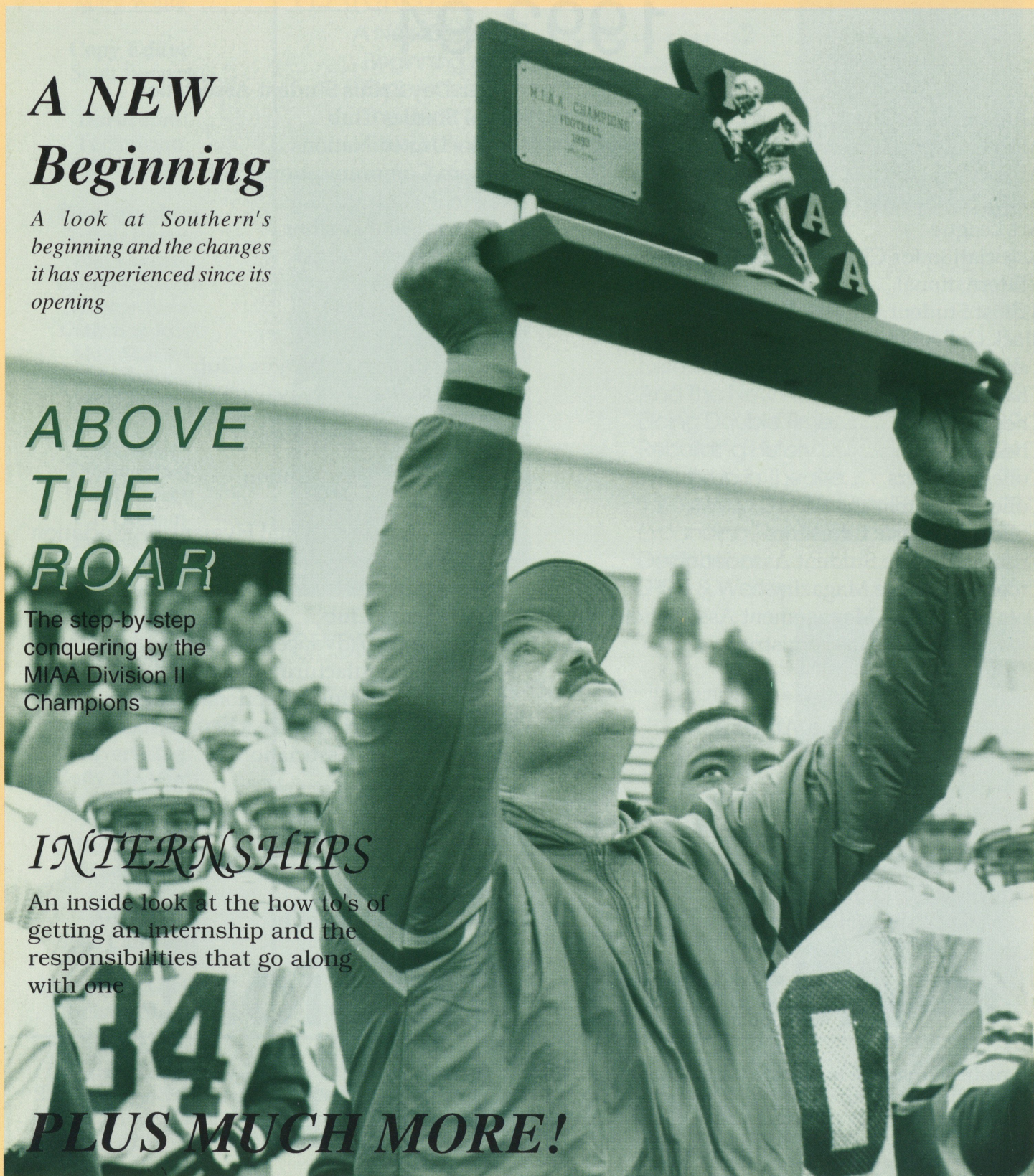
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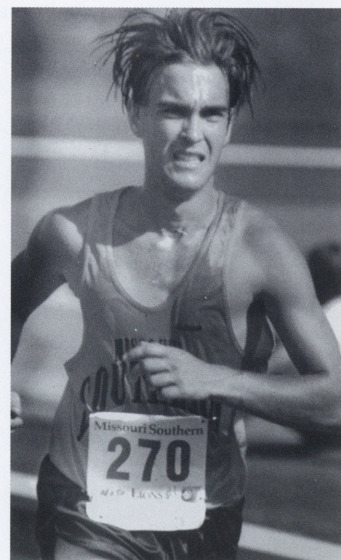


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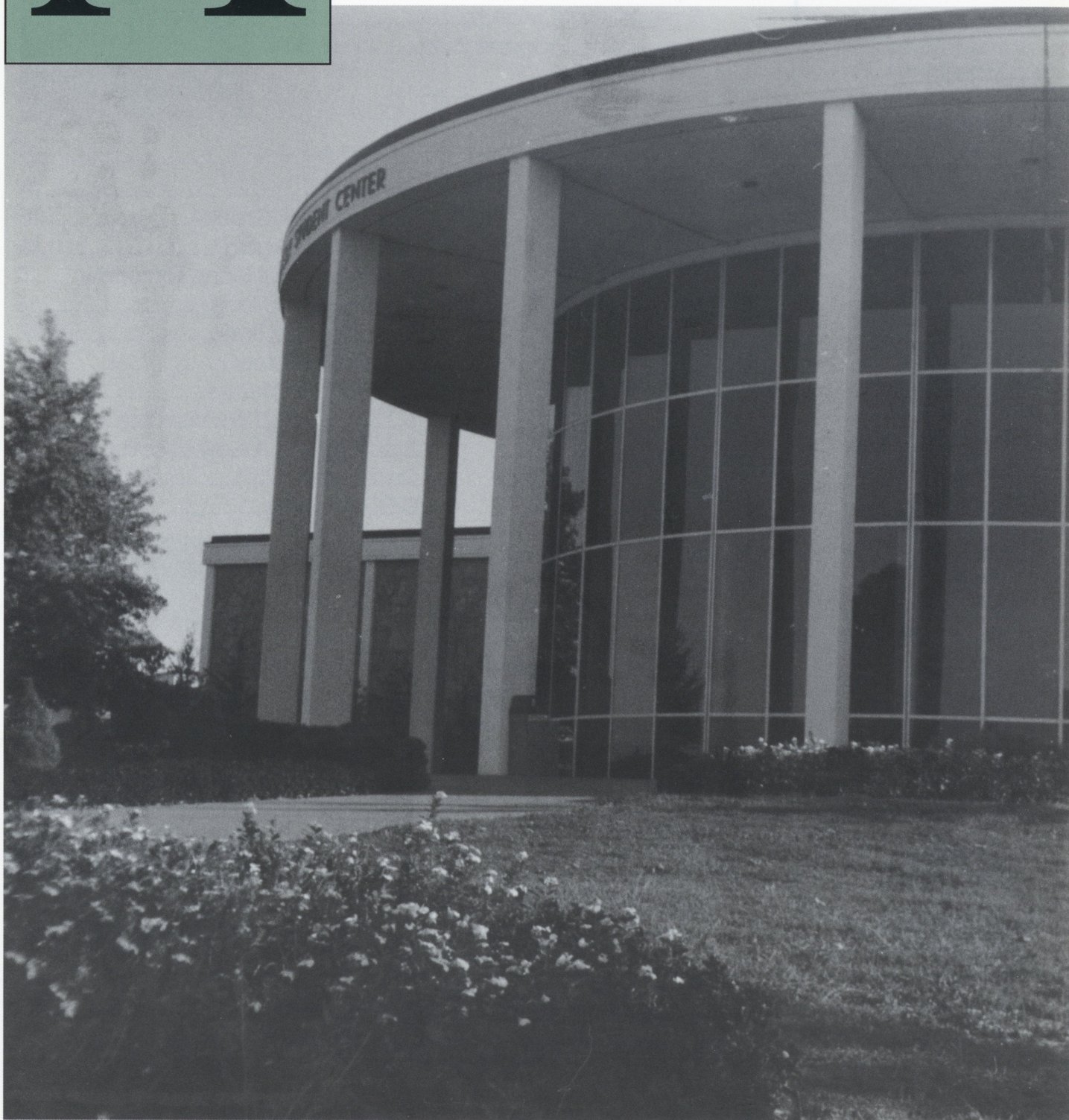
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# NEW

A look at Southern's beginning and the changes it has experienced since its opening.



Joan Stewart



# BEGINNING

BY STEVE YOUNG

The gross national product was up nine percent along with inflation, which was up 1.5 percent. The average annual salary was \$1,250. Lawyers topped the list of salaries followed by physicians, both bringing in slightly over \$4,000. A teacher's salary was a startling \$1,367. What should be startling is that a factory worker made nine dollars more. Listed among the deaths were: George Gershwin, Jean Harlow and John D. Rockefeller. Rockefeller left an estate estimated at one billion dollars. This was a time when a Bloomingdale's cashmere dress was \$12.95 and a double cocktail at Rockefeller Center was a quarter.

In case one has not guessed, the year was 1937. Topping the news were sit down strikes closing 15 General Motors plants;

Howard Hughes flying from Los Angeles to Newark in a record time of seven hours, 28 minutes and five seconds with FDR presenting him with the Harmon Trophy for outstanding aviator;



Debra Schow

the dirigible "Hindenberg" crashing at Lakehurst, N.J., killing 38 while hundreds of witnesses were standing by to watch its triumphant landing; Amelia Earhart vanishing over the Pacific, on a round-the-world flight; the Supreme Court upholding the Social Security

Act; and several thousand Americans joining the Abraham Lincoln Brigade to fight against the fascist-supported Franco forces, about 50 percent of the Americans died in battle.

ing of the National Cancer Institute, Pepperidge Farm, and the Lincoln Tunnel all of which took place in 1937. But something jumped out from the pile of facts and refused to be ig-

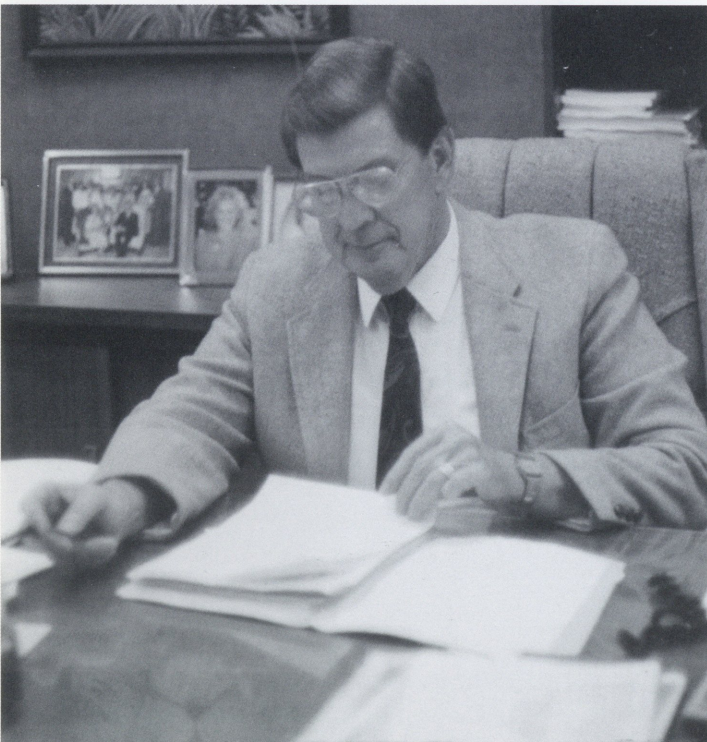
Among the writers who went to Spain to report on the war was Ernest Hemingway, who later was quoted as saying, "There are worse things than war, cowardice... treachery... and simple selfishness." Hemingway's book *To Have And Have Not* topped the critics' choice that year. Another book on the critics' choice list was *An Artist In America* by Thomas Hart Benton. Other well known works on the best sellers list were: *Gone with The Wind* and *How To Win Friends And Influence People*. A work that opened on Broadway that year was John Steinbeck's *Of Mice And Men*.

One could go on and on listing facts such as the building of the first practical electron microscope, AT&T completing the first coaxial cable for TV hook-ups between New York and Philadelphia, the inventions of nylon, trampolines, Spam, the shopping cart, plus the found-

nored.

On May 27, 1937, along with the opening of the Golden Gate Bridge between Oakland and San Francisco, in which some 200,000 citizens made their way across on foot during its debut, another bridge was being built. This bridge, however, was not made of steel and cement, but of inspirations and hopes.

By an overwhelming majority, Joplin voted \$100,000 in school bonds to assure the city a junior college and to build additions to two other city schools; "Eagle-Pitcher school in Smelter Hill" and "Lincoln school for Negroes". Lincoln school gained a combination auditorium-gymnasium and the crowded Eagle Pitcher school gained two rooms. The remaining \$50,000 was put into the new junior college. The result was the school board took steps to rehabilitate the old high school building at Fourth Street and Byers Avenue. Thus, Joplin



Debbie Solomon

**Left: Dr. Dolence, head of student services, is often found in his office located in BSC. Above: Missouri Southern State College's sign is located near Newman Road by Webster Hall.**



would have that fall a fully accredited junior college.

With the remaining \$50,000 the entire interior was rebuilt. The graduates from the high school were astonished at the improvements. Three hundred students were enrolled and the college was on its way. One may wonder how many students have traveled this bridge once known as Joplin Junior College. Instead of steel and concrete, this catalyst consists of properties such as dedication, determination, loyalty, and commitment.

The renovations have been enjoyed. Those first 300 students have made their mark. The building is gone, yet the bridge remains. You can not tear down a structure made of the properties described. It grows in spite of all opposition against it. Once an uneducated brain has learned to bridge the gap from ignorance to enlightenment it can not return. Once others see a structure providing a way across they will desire the journey and covet the destination.

All things grow, or they will die. Joplin Junior College even-

tually grew into Missouri Southern State College, able to help far more than 300 students bridge the gap into enlightenment. A trusted companion documented that growth as it journeyed along side. This companion being referred to is Southern's yearbook, *Crossroads*.

Joan Epperson was awarded a prize of \$1.00 for her submission in the contest for the best name for the annual college yearbook. *Crossroads* was chosen for its double connotation. Joplin is called the crossroads of America, and Joplin Junior college is a crossroads in the life of a student. As they journeyed into the future, *Crossroads* documented the change as its old friend grew into a senior college.

Finally, it is time for the yearbook to change. Instead of once a year, it will now come out three times a year. The biggest change it has made is from a book into a magazine. It is the belief of those in charge that it will bring the publication into the modern age of media. We are in a world that changes quickly new becomes stale overnight. Now *Crossroads* will have three opportunities a year to keep up with these changes.

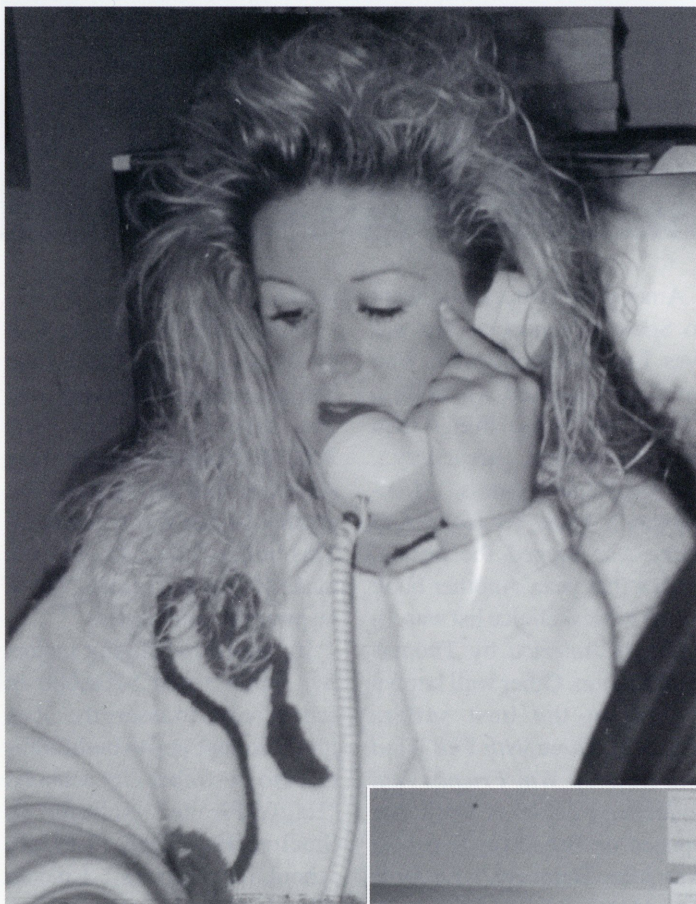
*Crossroads* is to the communications major what a concert recital is to a music major. When the music recital is over we tend

to forget the missed notes and timing problems. An article can be scrutinized years from now, a rather permanent debut. Now a writer has a chance to receive feedback from his audience within the same year it was written. When presenting a resume, it will show experience on a magazine. In all likelihood that will make more of an impression which will in turn increase the student's marketability.

Economically the magazine will cost more. The benefit is expected to out weigh the cost. The largest cost is printing which is mainly covered by the full time student fee each semester. The college subsidizes the magazine's equipment and supplies reasoning that it is cost effective for the minor increase.

Perhaps, in the future, as both the College and The Magazine grow, *Crossroads* will be automatically sent to a student's computer as an electronic periodical. The CD Rom could be issued as easily as the hard copy is distributed.

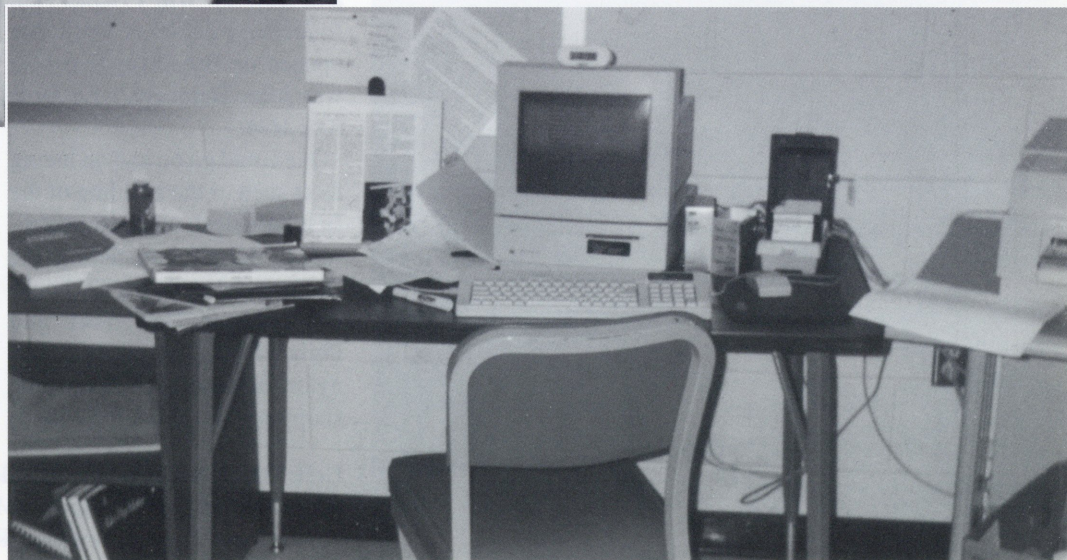
As society grows, information exchange becomes more complex. Students must learn those complexities to be marketable. Southern has pledged its resources to the fulfilling of that goal. *Crossroads* evolution from a yearbook to the new magazine is just one example of the dedication to that pledge.



Debra Schow

Above: One change from the yearbook to the magazine was the selling of advertising. Fortunately a few staffers like Dyanna Bain, had previous experience in sales. Right: On a typical day students can find at least one magazine staffer working in this area of the *Crossroads* office. They are usually working on lay-outs or typing in articles for an upcoming issue.

Debra Schow





# In Perspective

DR. G.K. RENNER

Southern's venerable yearbook, the *Crossroads*, dating from 1939, now stands at another turn in its long history. The *Crossroads'* talented first editor, Mary Laird McClintock, initiated the title, drawing it from civic boosters' popular reference to Joplin at that time as the "Crossroads of America," and reinforcing it with her own concept of the new junior college as a "crossroads" in students' lives. In its 55-year history, the publication has only missed two yearly editions, but the college has grown and student attitudes toward campus life have changed so much that fundamental changes in the *Crossroads* are now at hand.

The chief function of college yearbooks has always been to record the important activities of a given academic year and to identify the persons—students, faculty, and administration—who made up the college population for that year. The *Crossroads* has always performed this function very well and so exceptionally in many of the yearly editions. Today, the collection of yearly *Crossroads* volumes provide not only valuable sources of information on Southern's past, but are also the only comprehensive photographic record of the college's

history.

With growing student indifference to *Crossroads*, is the college's newspaper alone all that is needed to record yearly campus happenings? *The Chart*, established in the next academic year after *Crossroads*, has an energetic staff that does a good job of capturing the ebb and flow of campus happenings and casts a larger net to spotlight important events beyond the campus. Newspapers have never supplanted magazines and books. *The Chart* can never quite perform the function of a yearbook with its many photographs and in-depth treatment of college activities.

Since most students no longer accept the traditional college yearbook, it is time not to abandon *Crossroads*, but to recast it as a quarterly magazine that will preserve its name and most of its long-established functions of providing a pictorial and written summarization of college life in a given year. The new *Crossroads* quarterly, rich in the use of graphics and color, can give a more current cast to its articles, but at the same time provide a depth and perspective in dealing with campus life that *The Chart*, with its newspaper format, can never quite meet.

An earlier attempt, in 1969, to counter declining student interest by turning *Crossroads* into a quarterly was abandoned after

one year. The lack of student enthusiasm for this experiment resulted, in part, from an attempt to retain the traditional yearbook sections which fit in awkwardly with a quarterly format.

By giving a more current cast to its treatment of events, the new quarterly will better meet the students desire for increased relevancy, a factor that seems to have turned many away from the traditional *Crossroads*. Yet, because the new magazine will still capture a cross section of student life, it will also appeal to those who want its issues as a

remembrance of their college years. It has often been remarked that the *Crossroads* yearbook is something that alumni treasure more with the passing of years. The new quarterly, by picture and by word, will preserve much of the quality so that it too can still serve as an important historical record of college life.

*Editor's Note...*

Dr. Renner's newly released book about Missouri Southern, *In Pursuit of Excellence - MSSC 1937-1992*, can be purchased through toffice of public information.

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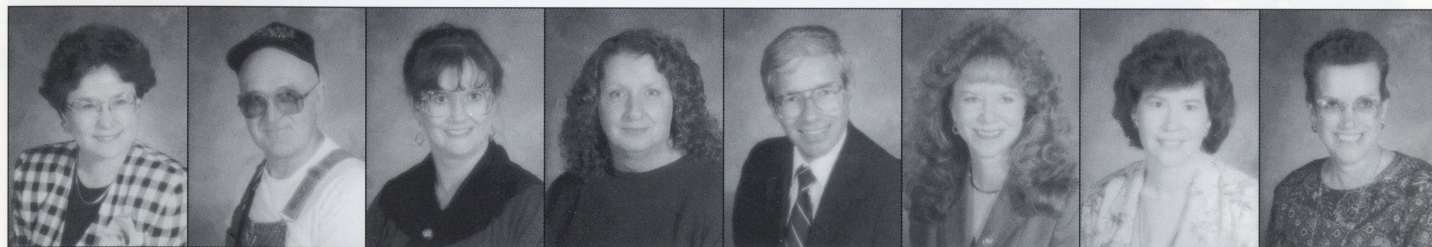
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# AN EW

An Extensive Report On The Freshman Orientation Program and The Effects It Causes.

BY JANESEA HALL &  
MARY WHITE

Incoming freshman have a unique advantage over many of

The orientation program was started over ten years ago by Dr. Eugene C. Mouser who was at the time counseling director. Originally the groups were faculty taught and only lasted six

class and office hour schedules to make time for the groups. Therefore a new idea for the orientation program was needed.

Dr. Elaine Freeman chartered the first student leaders in the spring of 1983. The test run of student leaders worked extremely well. By the fall of 1983 the program was extended to eight weeks and 35 new leaders launched the program into what it is today.

Freshmen were surveyed to find out how effective their orientation leaders were. Eighty-six percent thought that

their leader seemed to take sincere interest in their well being as a student, and 82 percent felt that their orientation leader knew the course material and was usually well-prepared for class. Also in this survey the overall grade for the leaders was an "A".

Because Southern has many non-traditional students, the orientation program has made an extra effort to help those students in returning to school by including two non-traditional orientation classes. "I returned to school, because I wanted to earn more money," said Rachel Brown. "I also wanted a better job that I could enjoy." All of these students were in consensus that the overall program was very helpful, and should be required.

Besides having incoming freshmen, Southern also has incoming orientation leaders. There are 34 new orientation leaders this semester. The student leaders are as follows: (returning leaders) Luis Figuerroa, Debra Forbes, Van Vandaveer, Theresa Guetzkow, Kelly Gayman, Kaylea Hutson, Lorie Comeau, Kim Jenson, Cami Davey, Kristull Williams, Nancy Hasbrook, Troy Comeau, Jan Gardener, and Patricia Stirling, (new leaders) Audra Adair, Sean Barrett, Margaret Becker, Dorcia Meares, Michelle Brown, Kara Carr, Amy Love, Amy Coffey, Oma Dean, Vickie Dearmond, Regena Denton, Mark Detherage, Cassie Doty, Melissa Escobar, Amanda Gillen, Janessa Hall, Terri Heeter, Kris Hunt, Amy Jordan, Amy Lorton, Trent Lovewell, Rob Lundien, Amy Mahurin, Stephanie Matthews, Amy

"Taking Freshman Orientation is an interesting course. I have learned where all the buildings are and to use the sources in the library."

Gabrielle Schmitz, freshman

the colleges and universities throughout the United States. This advantage is Missouri Southern's intensive and extended Freshman Orientation Program.

The purpose of this program is to prepare the new student for the years of hard work ahead and provide a framework of support. The class has ten objectives ranging from knowing the name of their instructor to learning how to participate in discussions designed to clarify personal values related to current issues.

The opinions on the orientation class vary from person to person. "Taking Freshman Orientation is an interesting course," said freshman Gabrielle Schmitz. "I have learned where all the buildings are and to use the sources in the library. The class itself is fun and assigns the most research work." On the other hand, Denise Phillips freshman said, "I feel that MSSC primarily takes advantage of their incoming freshman namely by forcing college orientation through core curriculum. I feel cheated spending an hour twice a week in a class that will not transfer to another institution because it is only useful at Southern."

weeks. This was fairly successful, but one of the main problems was that professors had a difficult time working around their

## COURSE EVALUATIONS:

At the end of the Freshman Orientation Program students participating in the classes are given an evaluation sheet over the program itself. Here are some of the results from these course evaluations.

	YES	NO
Felt course was worthwhile	84%	15%
Felt instructor took genuine interest in me	95%	5%
Felt comfortable with peer as instructor	100%	0%
AFTER COURSE...		
Felt adequately prepared for campus life	92%	6%
Can locate major offices and buildings	98%	1%
Possess knowledge of student activities available	94%	5%
Know how to use The LION in the Spiva Library	93%	6%

All statistics were taken from the Fall '93 Orientation evaluations and provided by Janessa Hall, a Freshman Orientation Leader.



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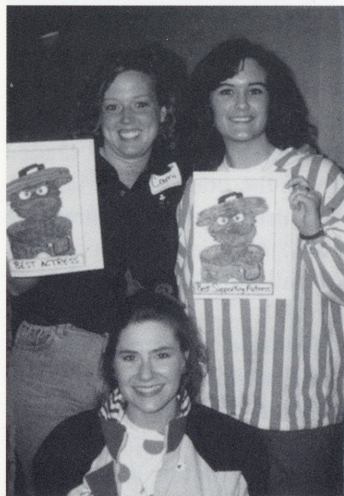


Photo Courtesy of Lori Lebah

**Part of the Orientation Program requires training of the Leaders. Leaders have fun learning the different ways to get participation out of their students.**

Whitehead.

Each leader had various views on why they became leaders. "It's good experience for my career," said Terri Heeter, junior. "Also I feel I need to share my enthusiasm for attending college."

According to Rob Lundien, senior, there are also many worries. "One frustrating thing is trying not to let the students take an advantage of you," said Lundien. "They know you're a student just like them and they know you're not going to send them to the principal's office. It is also hard because as an orientation leader you play a dual role. You are a teacher and a student. It can be difficult in trying to keep these roles straight in the classroom situation."

There are many advantages in teaching college orientation as all of these leaders have found out. "I found my six students in the night class to be a rewarding experience that generally made my day," said Brian Rash.

# FRESHMAN OPINION POLL

A recent survey of Missouri Southern freshmen show what the new college students have to say about college life compared to their old high school days. This survey was conducted by Matt Shofler and handed out to certain college orientation students. Here are some of the responses the survey received.

## Why did you choose MSSC?

Higher learning opportunity - **52%**  
Close to home - **30%**  
Economically priced - **18%**

## What do you like/dislike about MSSC?

### Likes...

EVERYTHING! - **73%**  
People (Other students and administration) - **12%**  
Relaxed environment- **9%**  
Independence - **5%**

### Dislikes...

Parking situations - **47%**  
Having to take core classes - **29%**  
NOTHING - **22%**  
Cafeteria food - **12%**

## What (if anything) do you miss most about high school?

Friends - **41%**  
NOTHING - **29%**  
Favorite Teachers - **12%**  
Having classes in ONE building - **12%**

# Welcome New STUDENTS



# Just *PHONE* Me !

BY DEBRA SCHOW

Calling home has become less expensive for the Missouri Southern residence hall students since a new fiber optic system has been installed. The system is still being perfected by college technicians and is expected to have cable television outlets and computer ports working by

charge is included in the dorm fee. Second, the students receive almost 75 percent off the regular toll on long distance calls, a plus for college budgets. And last, they have the benefit of voice mail, a system similar to having an answering machine hooked up to each phone.

The phone system works with

college to bill the students directly, thus eliminating the "unclaimed calls" portion of a regular phone bill. It is also helpful in stopping people from using other student's phones and charging calls to those phone numbers.

In the beginning, the system reportedly had its share of problems. For instance, when the phones were first installed some

students were unable to receive their voice-mail messages and had difficulty with making long-distance calls within the 417 area code, according to some students. Since then, however, two incoming call lines have been installed and the campus and residence hall phone lines have been joined, allowing more access to lines for both the faculty members and students.



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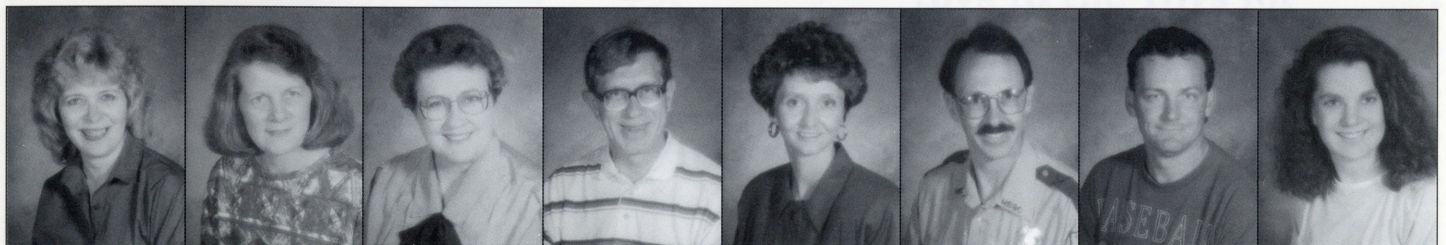
With hook-ups in every dorm room and apartment bedroom, access to a telephone for on-campus residents is easier than in previous years. Shawna Skinner, freshman accounting major, takes advantage of the new system.

next fall.

The system provides a number of advantages for students. First, there is no separate billing for the installation fee for the phone lines; the \$12 a month

students interested in receiving long-distance service signing up for the service and receiving a six-digit code. This code allows the students to call long distance and also allows the

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Ms. Sharen Brown

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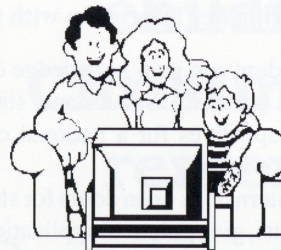
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# INTERNSHIPS!

An inside look at the how to's of getting an internship and the responsibilities that go along with one.

BY ALECIA WARD

A wide variety of opportunities for Missouri Southern students off campus allow students to gain academic credit toward a degree.

The two most obvious tools for students to access the community, apply knowledge learned in their field of study, and receive academic credit are independent studies and internships. Programs that offer internships usually allow credit for an independent study to run concurrently so that a student may remain enrolled full-time (12 hours), and still work full-time at the internship.

Usually the department of a student's major is the place to begin cultivating an internship. Internships can be either locally focused, such as the Vision Joplin internships available through the social science department, or nationally focused, such as the National Women's Political Caucus (NWPC) in Washington D.C.

As a staff member for Vision Joplin (a long-range community

planning project designed to identify problems and find solutions for the Joplin area) a student can get to know area community members, and learn about the challenges facing municipal governments. As an intern for a national organization, such as the NWPC, a

fun. A student can meet new people, with similar interests and concerns, work hard for something that is important, and gain perspective about the world outside of academics. Everyone, at some time, should look into internships as a way of determining a course of further study

getting an interest and determining what it is the student would like to spend a semester doing. In most cases, this internship will take up a great deal of time and the student should enjoy what he or she will be immersed in for four months. Evaluate what the student wants, talk to other interns, and consult friends and connections in different fields of interest. Most importantly, ask an advisor or a faculty member whom the student trusts for advice.

Sometimes departments have set internships, for which applications are necessary, and there is stiff competition. Sometimes departments are flexible and will work with the student to develop an internship that fits the student's particular interest. In either case the student needs to find the department's policy, either written or informal, regarding internships.

Once the student has found a subject of interest, narrowed the field of options, and consulted the advisor and department head for policy, it is time to begin lobbying for support. Advisors are very helpful in this respect because they know the politics of the department and can help



After attaining an internship there are many friendships to be gained. Alecia Ward, second from the left, made lasting friends during her internship with the NWPC.

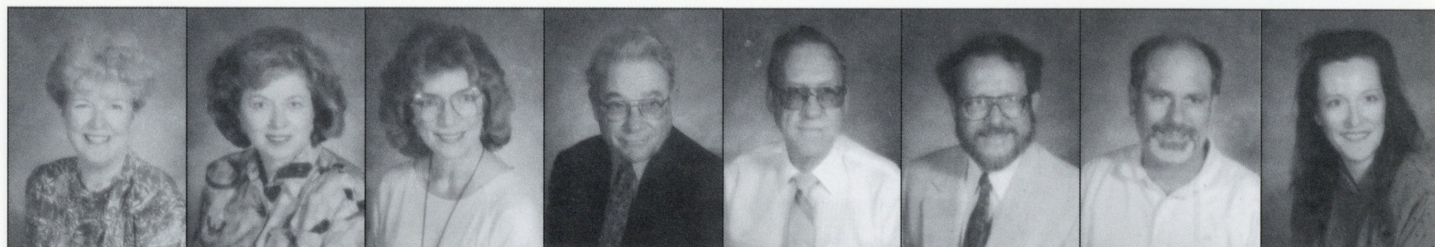
student can gain knowledge on the political aspects and staff perspectives for a national organization.

Internships open doors for students, give practical application to their knowledge, and can be

(for those who will pursue graduate work), or a way to decide on a career after college. Students should be able to make informed decisions about their futures. Internships provide this opportunity.

The way to begin the search for an appropriate internship is

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Mrs. Lou Henson

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Mr. Charles Kemp

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Mrs. Joan Lance



the student make the most persuasive arguments in the student's favor. Find someone (an advisor or other faculty member) to sponsor the internship. Students often do not know enough about structural policy of academic institutions to lobby successfully. Faculty live it, and know better how to work it.

If the student is trying to develop an internship that does not exist, there may be structural problems, for example, not enough money in the department budget or something that a student cannot affect. In that instance it is important to talk with others in the department (students, faculty, administrators) and find a precedent for the student to support. The student needs to sell herself or himself in every respect.

The next step toward an internship is paperwork. For many, it is inconvenient and tedious, but must be completed. The faculty person or advisor

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sponsoring the student's internship has the largest paperwork responsibility (lucky for the student), in that he or she must develop a syllabus, student requirements, and finance reports for the student's internship in addition to the rest of their classes. The student, however, must still fill out applications for the internship itself, get letters of recommendation, write lots of correspondence with potential intern supervisors, and aid the faculty sponsor in any paperwork that he or she can. It is a tall order, but well worth the experience.

When the student has taken

care of the preliminary work required by their department and academic affairs; after the student has consulted with pertinent faculty and administrators for advice; and when he or she has secured an intern position in a desired area; he or she are ready to delve into his or her internship to drain every drop of experience from it. The student works hard to get it, but should utilize it for all that it is worth and gain as much from it as the student possibly can.

The benefits are extensive from internships. The connections with a local internship could include meeting prestigious members of the business community, concerned citizens and parents, and learning about the municipal governments in the area. Many of these connections can lead to various other opportunities. On a national level connections could be made with members of congressional offices, political

consultants, women's groups, and graduate schools. Internships can be incredible experiences, or they can be disappointing. Internships are what the students make of them; make the best!

**Alecia Ward is happy about her national based internship; just look at that smile!**



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# EXPERIENCE

Within the school of technology students receive hours of practical experience, this includes EVERY department.

BY DEBRA SCHOW

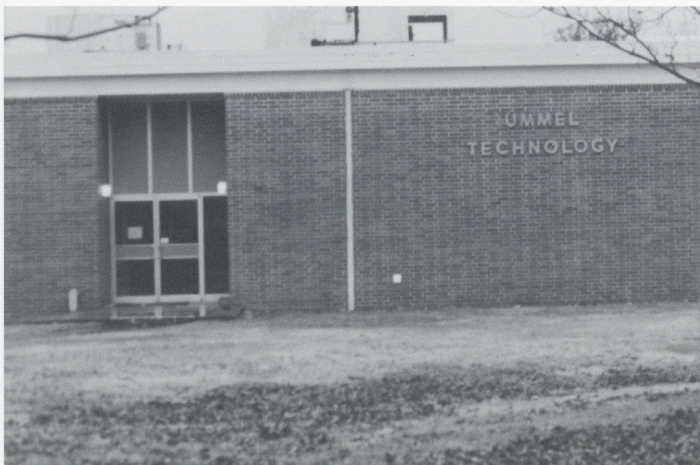
Students involved in the school of technology at Missouri Southern get a quality education plus endless hours of hands-on experience. As in other schools on campus, within the school of technology students come first. The departments are student oriented, a fact which helps with how the students learn.

"One of the unique things about the school of technology is the practical experience our students receive," said Dr. Jack Spurlin, the school of technology dean. "Students are required to do many hours of clinical time actually working in their fields."

Departments included in the school of technology are criminal justice, nursing, dental hygiene, computer science, radiology, computer aided drafting and design, and mechanical technology. Each department has its own placement program. "Upon

graduation our students, especially those in the nursing and dental hygiene programs, have jobs usually already lined up," Spurlin said. "There are many employers out there just waiting to snatch up our graduates."

**The outside of the Ummel school of technology building shows little sign of the diverse activity being done inside.**



Debbie Solomon

## AND THE NEW DEAN IS...

After a nation-wide search for a permanent dean for the school of technology, Missouri Southern chose a man from among its own ranks.

Dr. Jack Spurlin, the new school of technology dean, replaced James Maupin after he retired in July of 1992.

Spurlin, who has been at Southern for 18 years, was pleased to hear of his new placement. "I deal with students, faculty and departmental problems," said Spurlin, "but I'm enjoying it all. I really believe I am in an invaluable position."

Spurlin was formerly the director of criminal justice. At first he had second thoughts about leaving his teaching career. "I miss the contact with students I'm used to having," he said. "I wasn't sure I wanted to give that up and move out of the classroom."

Spurlin enjoys his position and hopes to see the school do even better than it is doing today.



Catherine Ross

In such a demanding, hard-working school one must ask about the quality of the faculty. "Our faculty is of a different breed. They all come from the real work world," said Spurlin. "For instance, the law enforcement faculty were all practicing law officials at one point or another. In fact, many still work closely with the police now. It helps the students get a feel for what will happen when they graduate into the work force."

Due to the faculty quality, the wide range of gainable experience, and the quality of education itself, the school has to be selective. "It's difficult to pick and choose, but there is simply no room for the extra applicants," Spurlin said. "Our radiology program last year only accepted six students out of the forty-plus that applied."

## WHO'S DESIGNING AND BUILDING THE FUTURE?

Currently around 50 students are enrolled in the computer aided drafting and design (CADD) and computer aided manufacturing technology (CAMT) programs at Missouri Southern. It is considered one of the smaller departments on campus.

"Drafting and Design focuses on how to develop an idea into a product and then present that idea to others," said Dr. Mushabbar Karimi, head of the CADD/CAMT programs. "CAMT is taking that design (idea) and manufacturing, or building it. Both programs focus on learning computer software to enhance the productivity and effectiveness of the processes."

CADD/CAMT students receive hands-on experience with computers and the specially designed CADD softwares, such as auto cad, cad key, and production planning. They also get the chance to design and manufacture products for national contests. "In the past students of the department have received second and third place awards in robotics at our national Society of Manufacturers Expo contest," Karimi said. "These contests are held every year."

The future goal of the CADD/CAMT department is to develop a computer integrated manufacturer (CIM) program. This would involve advanced equipment and technology that would be made available to the students. "It will take a lot of time," said Karimi. "CIM is a hot



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topic in the industry. To make the program available to Southern students would be a great achievement."

The CADD/CAMT programs are advancing with the technology they have available. Southern students are gaining experience, knowledge and opportunity through this department.

## WANT A JOB?

Jobs available for students with a computer science degree are on the rise. "Recent statistics say graduates with a computer science degree are on the demand," said Dr. Jack Oakes, head of the computer science department. "One specific statistic that I have come across projects by the year 2,000 that there will be a 70 percent increase of employers wanting a computer science graduate."

A computer science degree offers a wide variety of job opportunities, all of which deal with the application of computer technology to solve problems. "Southern has good placement for computer science graduates," Oakes said. "Some past employers include Leggett and Platt, 3M, Bass Pro, Electronic Data Systems, Dillards, and even a few governmental jobs. To top that off a computer science graduate starts out usually in the \$30,000 range."

Computer science students do not just get extensive hands-on experience under the department. They are also able to make contacts, tour businesses, attend seminars and social activities through the Student Association of Data Processing and Management (DPMA). "Through our student chapter of DPMA students are also members of the national asso-

ciation of DPMA," Oakes said. "This entitles them to receive the national DPMA magazine which includes various journals, job opportunities, and other information about computer science."

With a career that is in demand and a department waiting to supply that demand, the computer science department is prepared to produce qualified, and knowledgeable employees for the work force.

## WHAT'S BORING?

Students enrolled in the criminal justice program can expect a profession where there is not much boredom. "It is an exciting career," said Dr. Jimmie

Williams, head of the criminal justice department. "There are many different types of jobs available for a criminal justice graduate. There are local, state, and national positions, all of which involve changes."

The department currently has over 500 declared majors. It is a popular degree at Missouri Southern. "Our criminal justice department basically prepares students for jobs in the criminal justice system," said Williams. "We include education over enforcement, regulatory areas, and rehabilitation/corrections in our curriculum."

There is an active outlet available for criminal justice students. The Criminal Justice Student Association (CJSA) is

a large, and active group within the department.

"They do many things for students," Williams said. "CJSA usually tours law facilities, including prisons, police departments, and other career possibilities throughout the year. They also put on seminars, hold fund-raisers, and even doing community work by adopting a family at Christmas time."

The facilities available to students under the department include a crime lab and police academy. "We're fortunate to have a police academy involved in our program," said Williams. "Most schools don't have that opportunity. It enhances the program status."

In the future the criminal justice department will offer training in rappelling to students. It already offers many career possibilities and chances to gain the needed experience in the criminal justice field.

## ANYONE FOR A LAB?

The Crime Lab, located in the Police Academy building, offers a variety of services to law enforcement agencies in ten counties in Missouri and parts of four counties in Kansas. These agencies include police and sheriff's departments plus coroners. The Lab is one of three in our area.

Some of the services the Lab provides are drug testing for area hospitals, developing fingerprints, restoring serial numbers (on guns, engine blocks, etc.), and blood work (such as comparing blood stains at burglary and homicide scenes). The Lab staff has recently started working with DNA. "We will be expanding within the next few months in terms of what we can do there (with the DNA)," said Dr. Whittle.

Although there is very little student involvement in the Crime Lab, Dr. Whittle is only a phone call away from any student interested in forensic science.



It may seem odd that the Crime Lab would be on a college campus and not have any authorized student involvement, but, as Dr. Whittle put it, "having it on campus instead of in a law enforcement agency is best because when working with evidence we can give an unbiased opinion."

## WHICH WAY SHOULD I BRUSH?

The dental hygiene program requires lots of practical experience. "From the first two weeks of classes until the year is over, students are in each other's mouths, literally," Dr. Sandra Scorse, head of dental hygiene, said. "It's all part of the learning process."

Dental hygiene students learn the proper way to clean teeth, perform x-rays, and educate patients. "The dental hygienist is one of the first people to educate the patient about dental health," said Scorse. "At [Missouri] Southern our students attain lots of knowledge to educate patients."

The Student American of Dental Hygienists Association



(SADHA) is an active group in this education process. "SADHA is more than having fun," said Scorse. "The students do a lot in the area of community service. The students do educational activities throughout the month of February, which is National Children's Dental Hygiene Month, and the National Dental Hygiene Month in October." Some past activities include educating area school children, lending a helping hand to area nursing homes by presenting educational dental hygiene programs, and making toothbrush holders for the Cerebral Palsy Clinic.

There are many jobs available for hygienists. Southern's spring graduates often have jobs by spring break. It is a field where jobs are plentiful.

### WHAT? TWO PROGRAMS?

There are two programs for students under the nursing department. Students may enroll under the associate of science program or the bachelor of science program; however, to be enrolled in the bachelor of science program a student must be a registered nurse.

Nursing students perform many hours of hands-on learning throughout their college career. There is a clinic on campus where much of this learning time is spent. "Clinical experience is important in nursing," said Dr. Barbara Box, head of the nursing department. "Students get lots of clinical time in our department. Caring for the patient is what nursing is all about. Our students learn nursing care through the clinic, hospitals, and by observing and assisting in physical offices. The students are highly motivated. They are eager, enthusiastic, and a great bunch of people."

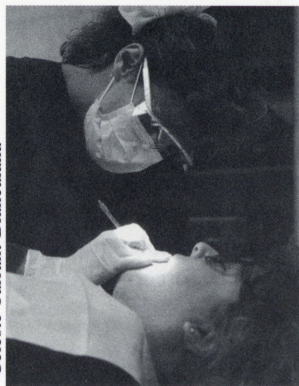
The department has a very active Student Nurses Association. The group is active with community service, conventions, and promoting health care leg-

## OPEN UP AND SAY AHH!

Missouri Southern's Dental Hygiene Clinic is located in the Ummel Technology building on campus. The Clinic is open Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. It is available not only to Southern's staff, faculty, and students, but to the public as well. The Clinic offers a wide variety of preventative services to its patients, such as radiographs, oral screening, dental charting, periodontal assessment, dental cleaning, fluorides, sealants, impressions, amalgam polishings, and nutritional counseling.

Because the dental hygiene students are able to take extra time for each patient, it is a great place for children and "fraidy cats" to go for their dentistry needs. The cost to the public is \$15.00, but only \$5.00 per visit for Southern students with their school I.D. card.

All interested persons should call 625-9379 to make an appointment or to get answers to any dental questions.



Celeste Tarrant-Biancalana

isolation. They also plan programs for the department on current nursing topics.

One advantage to students in the nursing programs at Southern is the experienced faculty. "Every faculty member is required to have some clinical experience before becoming a faculty member," Box said. "It's an advantage to the students."

Because it is an active and experienced department students receive a good, solid education. Nursing is a field that is always changing and Southern's nursing department has been able to keep up with that change.

### WHO MADE IT?

One of the most selective departments on campus is radiology. This department only accepts six students a year into the two year program. "Since the department is so selective of its students," said Dr. Wiley Beals, head of radiology department, "the students who are selected are always eager, enthusiastic, and outstanding to

teach. If they are not, it's the department's fault for choosing

them."

The twelve students enrolled throughout the year in the program receive many hours of hands-on experience with the radiologic equipment and facilities. "The department works hand-in-hand with St. John's Medical Center," Beals said. "St. John's helps train the students in what is considered a working environment. Since there are so few enrolled and St. John's is close to campus, this works out very well. It takes both the medical center and college to make this program work."

A radiologist is expected to perform such tasks as taking x-rays, sterilizing equipment, and issuing I.V.'s. All these tasks, plus extensive book knowledge are main points of Missouri Southern's radiology program. Students enrolled in the program put in close to a 40 hour week which includes clinical and class time.

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# Want To Be A **GREEK**?

What are **Greeks**? What do they do? How can a student become one? This story answers all of those questions, plus more!

BY BETH SHORT &  
MARY WHITE

Sororities and fraternities are found all over campuses across the United States, and Missouri Southern is no exception. Southern is home for three fraternities and two sororities and to become a member an inductee must go through a rigorous process. At Southern, this process has three different sections: Formal Rush, Informal Rush, and Continuous Open Bid (COB).

Formal Rush is different for both women and men. Women must first go to one large meeting in which they are introduced to both sororities. Then the next get together is by invitation only based on the impressions from the previous meeting. The men go to the same type of meeting, but only with the fraternity they decide to rush.

Informal Rush is held in the spring. This is where the student contacts the individual group and goes to a meeting of their choice. This particular Rush is much more relaxed than the Formal Rush.

COB is a meeting that gives the sorority or fraternity a chance to pick up more indi-

viduals to pledge to their Greek family. This occurs after the Formal Rush and usually lasts all semester.

All these meetings of Greeks and Rushees are important. They help the student decide which Greek family they want to belong to, who they get along with, and who they feel meets their potential.

Membership in the Greek Society is an honor. Faculty and staff, as well as students, look upon the inductee to accomplish many things. Each group has its own philanthropic, and works hard to help out in this area.

However, they do manage to participate in a few social events. Each group has its own mixers and formals. Mixers are parties that give each fraternity and sorority a chance to meet everyone. Formals, on the other hand, are formal dances with celebrations afterwards. There are other activities that the student can participate in with their new family. The student goes to these events to get to know the members and is known as a rushee.

To be a part of Greeks, a student is required to have a 2.0 cumulative grade point average.

Students are given the name pledges when they are accepted in a group. Pledges go through a semester of learning their particular family history, mottos, philanthropies, and the Greek alphabet. After the pledges have gone through their pledgship, they are initiated into a full lifetime membership, now being called Actives.

Once the student has been initiated, they receive an Active pin, a lifetime subscription to the sorority or fraternity maga-

zine, and a lifetime membership card.

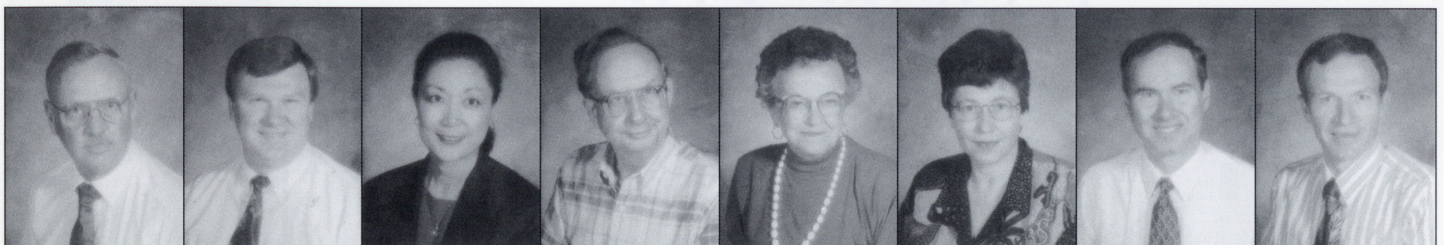
Being a member gives the student many benefits. The benefit that stands out the most is once a member becomes an alumna, they will receive information on jobs within their community. On the other end of the spectrum, being a college member means that there is always someone there to talk to, to help work out problems with, and to share your fun with. It is a membership that will last a lifetime.

**During Rush weeks Southern's fraternities and sororities often set up booths in the Billingsly Student Center Stairwell to help draw attention to their group.**



Phil Cornett

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# Terror Strikes

*The natural disasters that have occurred this semester are terrifying. In the following article one will find out just how terrifying these disasters were.*

BY DEBRA SCHOW

Within the past semester Missouri Southern students, faculty, and staff have seen various types of disasters. The Great Flood of 1993 hit the southwest Missouri area late, but it did hit, and the tornado season began a little early.

After record amounts of rain fell in many areas around Joplin it wasn't a surprise to hear of the area flooding. Millions of dollars in damage was reported by area residents, including thousands of dollars from Southern's faculty, staff, and students. Their homes received the most damage.

"All the dry-wall had to be replaced throughout the house," said Lou Henson, secretary of the dental hygiene program. "We had to go in and replace the flooring in the living room, dining room, and kitchen plus replace all the electrical plugs. The structure outside held very well. The clean-up of the mud and drying things out took the most time."

The rebuilding is mostly over, with only a few major efforts still in progress; however the shock of the flood is still stunning. "Even though we lived

Joan Stewart



**When the tornados in September hit the Joplin area they didn't forget to take a few local scenes with them. A house near Webb City was torn in half during the storms, luckily no one was hurt.**

there for 18 years and had the water get high before, when I came home from work that

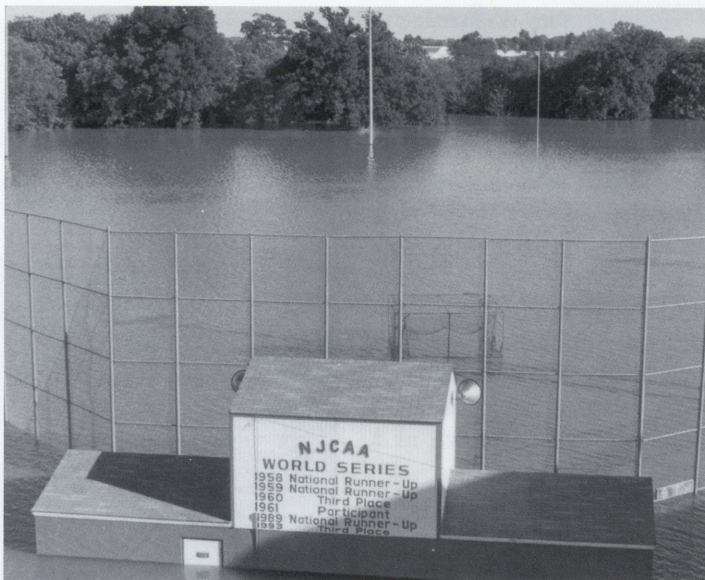
Friday [October 24] it was surrounded so much I just got prepared," Mrs. Henson said.

"My husband stayed there that night and barely got out with his life the next day. He had to hold onto a pole while my daughter and her husband tried to reach him with a tractor. It is just so amazing to go through something like this. We're still cleaning."

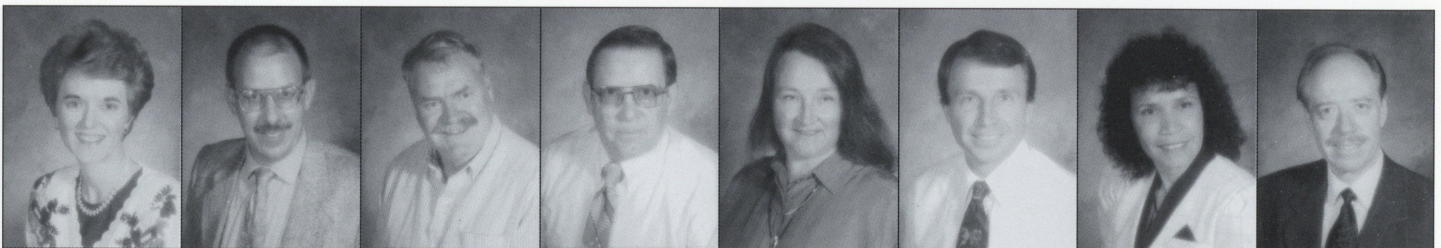
As for the tornado season, residence hall students even got a look at the scare. "The first thing we did when we heard of

**As the rain came down the floods went up. At Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College the baseball field sat under four feet of water after the record rain fall. The flooding cancelled many of the college classes.**

Chad Hayworth



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the tornado warning was verified it," said Debbie Gipson, residence director. "After it was verified the residence hall staff and I moved residents on campus to the designated safe areas. When the all clear sign was given from security we let the residents go back to their rooms. Overall, the procedure went very smoothly."

The tornado that caused the scare on campus never touched the Southern limits. However, a similar tornado did hit parts of Webb City and the Joplin area.

"We [the family] had just finished eating dinner when I heard a loud rumbling outside," said Rod Surber, News Bureau Manager. "We live close to the airport so until I saw the large tunnel of debris I thought it was just a jet. When I realized what it was I had my family go into the hallway for protection. It didn't hit our house, but it did hit one down the street from us. Luckily no one was hurt."

Although these and similar disasters can not be controlled by man, there are precautions to

take.

"With floods you should never drive over water, either on roads or elsewhere," said Chris Higgins, chief meteorologist of KODE, channel 12. "If you live by a flood-prone area, always watch the water levels closely. Many times the water rises faster than the warning is

able to be issued. When a tornado warning is released it means a tornado is coming. You need to take precautions immediately. Either go to a basement or to an inner room of a building with the least amount of windows. The rule of thumb is to put as many walls between you and the tornado as possible."



Chad Hayworth

Stranded on Oklahoma Highway 10 in two feet of water is a Miami Fire Department vehicle.

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# And The New Name Is...

BY DEBRA SCHOW

The campus of Missouri Southern has seen many changes this semester. One change in history was the renaming of the residence hall buildings. The new names were taken from former faculty members who have positively influenced the campus.

Instead of being named South and North Hall the dormitories were named McCormick and Blaine Halls after Martha McCormick, former professor of mathematics, and Dean Harry Blaine, the first dean of the Joplin Junior College.

Replacing the old apartment alphabet (A, B, C, D, E, F, G,

and H) are Gockel Hall, named for Harry Gockel, former professor of history and geography; Stegge Hall, named after Dudley Stegge, former head football coach and director of the College Union; Dishman Hall, named for Darrel Dishman, former assistant professor of art; Dryer Hall, named after Lloyd Dryer, former assistant professor of psychology; Headlee Hall, named for Cleetis Headlee, former professor of English and adviser to *The Chart*; Maupin Hall, after former dean of technology, James Maupin; Mitchell Hall, named after Grace Mitchell, former assistant professor of English; and Stone Hall, named for Dorothy Stone,



Entering McCormick Hall, formerly referred to as South Hall, are residents, Charity Streff, Garra DeLong, and Cindy Irvine.

former associate professor of business administration.

Each newly named hall will

have a portrait-plaque hanging in the building as a memorial to whom the hall is named after.

## Here Today But Gone Tomorrow

What can cause students to have high levels of stress, anxiety attacks, and major headaches? FINAL EXAMINATION WEEK!

For as long as Dr. Ray Malzahn, vice president of academic affairs, could remember Missouri Southern has always had finals, and this semester would be no exception. "Higher education is based on the European model of education," Malzahn said. "To my

understanding, all you have is a final. What we [Southern] make a big deal about is having periodical exams before the final examination. That way students know how they are doing in a course in case they need to drop."

It's not a tradition at Southern to take finals, but a policy. According to this policy, professors are required to give final examinations during the scheduled times at the end of each semes-

ter. There is no policy, however, about the length or details of the exam itself.

Some faculty members at Southern hold the belief that finals are a way to keep students more retentive of what they learned (or should have learned) throughout the semester. "I give a comprehensive test because I think it helps the student recall and then relearn the information better," said Dr. Max Oldham, Lifetime Wellness professor.

From a student perspective finals cause worry and many hours of studying. They're long, sometimes very detailed, and a panic many students wish they didn't have. "I don't like them,

especially comprehensive, because it is too much to remember," said Diane Orr, junior business major. "I also don't like them because you have to wait to get your grade card to see if you passed or not. They really don't test your knowledge."

Although the opinions vary from faculty to students the facts remain the same. Finals are here, they'll stay for a week, and return again next semester. For students just starting college there are plenty of late nights full of studying ahead and for students who are soon to graduate, the exam-cramming nights are soon to be over, never to be missed.

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# Doing **DOUBLE** Time

BY SCOTT THOMILSON &  
MARY WHITE

Everybody has an interest in something. An interest can be in animals, gardening, sports, or an interest in the 'arts'. This story is about a man who is interested in cars, racquetball, tennis, music (mainly 50s and 60s), and has much involvement in the Central City Christian Church.

The man referred to is Dr. J. Larry Martin, interim dean for the school of arts and sciences, and head of the mathematics department. Along with his many interests, education has played a significant role in his life. Dr. Martin is a native of this area, and he attended Southern when it was still known as the



Debbie Solomon

Joplin Junior College. He received his doctorate in education from the University of Georgia, and his bachelor and masters degree in applied mathematics from the University of Tulsa.

Managing two administrative positions is a full-time job for Martin. The new job of interim dean has added many advantages to his teaching experience.

"It is an interesting job," said Martin. "Dr. Malzahn told me that it was an interesting job and it is. Interesting in part because of the novelty. It is not the same thing as I have been doing. There are new people and personalities to deal with, and new departments."

Martin's advice to students who are seeking a degree in mathematics is "to choose as a

**Dr. J. Larry Martin, doubling as both Dean and department head, sits calmly at his desk.**

major field something you enjoy and are good at, then someone will pay you. If you are not good at it then there is a problem. I really think you should do something you enjoy. Hook up with an advisor and ask that advisor about placement, graduate school and other opportunities, and how to prepare for these opportunities. Most advisors know a lot more than a student does about what needs to be done to prepare. Most students don't even know the questions to ask.

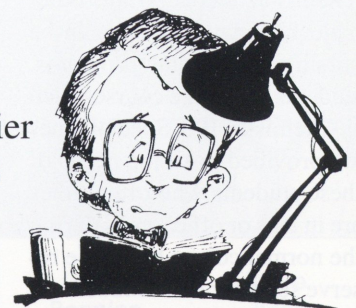
In Martin's view it is possible for someone to have many interests and still get a good education in the process.

## FINAL EXAMS



## Top Ten Ways To Study For Finals

1. **FIND BOOKS**
2. Buy junk food
3. Call home and complain about your finals schedule
4. Sharpen pencils
5. **OPEN BOOKS**
6. Borrow notes
7. Borrow back YOUR notes
8. Eat the junk food you purchased earlier
9. **SKIM OVER BOOKS AND NOTES**
10. Make sure and set your alarm





# The Reality of

BY CHRISTINA WATKINS

## Successful Formulas

In the chemistry department formulas are what makes the world-go-round, and the formula for success is an overall working knowledge which enables the chemistry major to graduate with a bachelor of sciences, bachelor of arts, or a bachelor of science in education degree in chemistry.

"The typical science major, is one who has strong analytical abilities, who is interested in why things are the way they are in the physical world," said Dr. Vernon Baiamonte, head of the chemistry department.

According to Dr. Baiamonte, when society becomes worried with environmental concerns, a course will reflect those concerns by changing to meet the needs of society.

The faculty meets the challenge, and evolves to fulfill the needs of student and society. Speakers from universities are invited to Missouri Southern to lecture. Several faculty work as consultants to area businesses, enabling them to stay on the cutting edge of technology in their fields as well as bringing a working practicality to the classroom.

"The majority of the students (chemistry students) are other majors," Baiamonte said. "In the nursing and dental programs, students must take courses such as Chemistry 100. Special times are provided to fit the needs of these students who often times are in labs or off campus during the normal course time. We reserve seats for those students at that time."



**Mounted outside the entrance of the Spiva Art Center is a lion head sculptured especially for the Missouri Southern campus.**

Another program especially created to fit the needs of the student is the pre-engineering program. This is a joint venture with the University of Missouri at Rolla and Columbia. "Rolla has a fantastic reputation. Students complete two years of course work here, basic courses including math, chemistry, physics, and then transfer to Rolla or Columbia," Baiamonte said.

## The Family of Notes BY ROB LUNDIEN

One big family is a way to describe the music department. Over the years the growing department has experienced a



sense of closeness between the students.

In total, the choir and band have approximately 80 people in them. The students in the department all share a common interest in music. This interest combined with cooperation helps encourage the family feeling.

Music students rehearse and practice together. They learn techniques, style, and how to transform all of these into one uniform sounding group. Many of the musicians are involved in more than one performing ensemble. "We have good students who care about the groups they are in," Havely said. "We also have faculty who over all are caring and willing to work with the students."

Many of the music students find time to get involved in activities outside of the department. One activity new to the department is the Bandits ball team. This ball team plays

**One activity that music students can participate in under the music department is the Lion Pride Marching Band. Rob Lundien is one of the group's many players.**

throughout the semester against area Joplin teams.

"We offer a relaxing atmosphere at our games," said senior music major and team manager Craig Smith. "It's where you can go to get away from studying for a little bit, see your friends and show your support to your peers."

## People's College hosts

Students entering the back doors to Webster Hall and the Music Building often see the lonely artist chipping away at a large stone. Flecks of rock sail through the air only to settle upon the earth from whence it came. The artist runs a hand along the cold hard stone and envisions a warm smooth statue or perhaps a roughened image from the person within.

With the Art department being one of the most active on campus, it is not surprising that sometimes the artist must work wherever space allows.

"We will run from 12 to 40 students per classroom," said Mr. Jim Bray, head, art department. The department has eight studios including the ECM building. These studios also double as classrooms for courses like art appreciation.

"Enrollment is stable," Bray said. The department sees a modest growth cycle that will continue to grow with more funding and new programs.

One of the new programs in the design stage is an international study program in association with the Mullsjo Folkhogskola, Mullsjo, Sweden. "Our plan is to initiate off campus study in Sweden," Bray said. This is a pilot program that would include a minimum of 10



# CREATIVITY!

Art majors. It would entail six hours of study in Scandinavian art, a studio course and a lecture and travel course. The course would last six weeks during the summer and Bray hopes to keep the costs for the students under \$2,000. Students will be guests of the Folkhogskola (People's College) during their stay in Sweden. Funding from the Catherine Hyde Charitable Trust will help fund the pilot program. "It is to the credit of the faculty that we are able to provide (for the students)," he said.

Internships are available and every student should aspire to do an internship. "It (internship) is based on the quality of their (student's) portfolio and interview."

Areas that students may work in include drawing/painting, ceramics, graphic communications, sculpture, jewelry and printmaking. In each area

students will find the necessary equipment needed from drawing tables to darkroom facilities, from kilns to welding equipment, and from jewelry casting equipment to etching and lithographic presses.

Plans are in the works for the 1993-'94 year to initiate visits to a minimum of six area high schools for recruiting purposes. Information concerning scholarships available at Southern will be presented along with slide lectures and demonstrations of art techniques. Faculty also judge area exhibits at high schools, colleges and communities, providing visibility for Southern as well as informing area high school students and teachers about the art department.

## Society and Biology go hand in hand

Providing students with their

core curriculum courses is a major goal of the biology department.

"We believe that many of the problems facing society are biological in nature," Dr. John Messick, head, biology department. A good exposure to Biology is important to every student.

Training majors in Biology so that they are competent to pursue any career they want to in the field is another goal of the department. In a field that seems to expand overnight the career opportunities are limited only by the graduate himself.

With a bachelor of science in biology a graduate can seek a career in areas such as resource management, conservation, environmental biology, quality control, food technology, agriculture, science education and health related fields.

Those graduates wishing to

continue their education can prepare in pre-professional fields. Careers in medicine, osteopathy, medicine, dentistry, optometry, veterinary medicine, chiropractor and numerous other fields have a great beginning in the biology department. Southern's biology department maintains rigorous standards to aid the student in developing the discipline needed for a pre-professional career. The student receives excellent training in the support areas such as chemistry, physical science and math to enable him to compete in the professional school.

"The success of our graduates show that we are doing most things right," Messick said.

As technology advances the biology department works hard to keep its students well equipped to compete with the rest of the world. They do this by providing new computer

## Just Lounge'in Around BY ROB LUNDIEN

Thanks to one student and some area businesses, the lounge in the music department recently got a "face lift". Senior music major, Linda Lunow first decided last spring that the lounge needed to be updated.

"Last spring at the instrumental and vocal Festival, judges, directors, and dignitaries were using the lounge as a hospitality area," Lunow said. "I thought it was embarrassing because the furniture was torn and broken. The lockers were rusted and drab."

The lounge is widely exposed. Missouri Southern music students use it between classes as a place to relax, receptions are held there after recitals, people all around the community use the lounge during their private lessons with college instructors, and the area is exposed to the people attending the district music festival and the International Piano Competition.



Lunow decided last spring that she could make a difference. With permission from the head of the music department, Pete Havely, she decided she would redecorate the lounge.

Lunow made a list of everything she would need to remodel and went to work. This list was presented to local businesses, and they were asked to help by donating the items needed. Tables, couches, carpet, greenery, a microwave, and a refrigerator were all given to the music department. Lunow had the physical plant repair and repaint the lockers. "I'd like to express my gratitude to all of the businesses for their support," said Lunow. "It shows their community spirit and makes me glad I moved to Joplin."

Two other features in the lounge include a three foot stuffed lion and a name given to the lounge, 'Lions Camerata'.

"Camerata is a circle of musicians," Lunow said. "I liked the name because I think of us as a circle of friends who work together to produce quality music."



labs with programs that can simulate population growth as well as genetics studies.

"Commencing this spring we will be using A.D.A.M. (Animated Disc of Anatomy for Medicine) which provides a supplement way in teaching anatomy," Messick said. Messick added that many medical schools are using ADAM.

Offering technology such as this can only keep Southern graduates on the cutting edge. Other resources available are computer bulletin boards and Internet. These services allow students access to the most current information available in journals and Gene maps.

"There is an increased emphasis on problem solving and interpretation of data," Messick said. With the quality of the faculty, staff and equipment available Southern is graduating biology majors well equipped to handle a career or graduate and professional school.

### Classroom Interaction Most Important Aspect

If one were a student before the completion of the new Webster Communications and Social Sciences building one may remember the Mansion. That old building now houses the Learning Center.

According to Dr. David Tate, head of the social sciences department, there are over 300 majors in the department and each and every one will benefit from the three goals that best fit their needs.

"If you had to narrow down the goals of our department. It would be three: 1. lots of information, 2. reading, 3. critical thinking. What happens in the classroom between the instructors and the students is the single most important thing," Tate said.

Along with the new building, new learning areas have been established for the student of which one is the computer lab.

## A Global Meaning BY ROB LUNDIEN

The art department has helped the International Piano Competition give the word "global" new meaning. In cooperation with the competition, the department created a 29 inch diameter steel globe. The globe will be used for the competition and promotions. The globe was thought of by competition board director Gene Hayes.

"The International Piano Competition is worldwide, because we have contestants from almost 35 countries," Hayes said. "I thought it would be nice to have it for the competition and in promoting it."

The idea was submitted to Missouri Southern's art department to work on the project. Graduate Tom Edwards and Jon Fowler, associate art professor worked together on the globe.

The globe was built out of



steel that was cut and bent into shape. They welded all of the pieces together using a welding rod. "The hardest part was trying to project a map from two dimensional to three dimensional form," Edwards said.

It took Fowler and Edwards seven days to complete the globe. "It was fun and educational," said Edwards. "I got to review my geography." The globe can either be suspended or used as a centerpiece for a table.

"We are excited that the art department helped in making this," said Vivian Leon, piano competition director. The competition is scheduled for mid April of 1994.

"We have a new computer lab with 24 terminals," said Tate. "We are gearing more and more of our courses around the software that we have."

Another way the department ensures that their students receive the most current information available is to send faculty members to international seminars and symposiums. Faculty have traveled in the most recent past to places such as Poland, Germany, Japan, and Hong Kong.

"We have had three individuals in the last five years receive the Outstanding Teacher Award," Tate said.

Areas that are popular to non majors are anthropology courses, specialized courses such as child abuse, social problems, seminars in history, specialized topics like Black American history, political science and American political system.

One of the mainstays of the department that change in location will never interfere with is the library system that the department has available to the students. "We have a very concise program to provide books

for Spiva Library. Various instructors complete lists of purchase books. We have a very nice law research library which

is also open to the public," said Tate.

The department played a major role in obtaining the law

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library along with the help of the Jasper County Bar Association. "Social science instructors all have large personal libraries they make available to the students," Tate said. Areas that graduates may go into are the social work field, city manager positions, Law school, graduate school, public schools, research-including legal emphasis, private industry-market research just to name a few. There are also several organizations a student may become involved with such as the Paralegal Club, Social Science Club, History Club, and Pi Gamma Mu.

### From Children's Theatre to The New York Stage

In the past three or four years shows performed on the Southern stage have increased from around four a year to the present six and eight. The number of majors during this time frame has almost doubled.

More productions mean more funding which means bigger and better productions. Productions that receive rave reviews at every performance are the children's theatre.

"It's (children's theatre) great and not so great for us, but it is too successful to stop," said Dr. Jay Fields, head, theatre department.

Forty-three schools have reserved space for the upcoming productions of Tom Sawyer and for the spring semester production *The Ant and The Grasshopper* schools are already calling and reserving their seats.

Besides the excellent response the children and their schools give the productions, proceeds are used by the theatre department to help fund scholarships. These are the only box office proceeds kept by the theatre department.

During spring break Fields will again be hosting the annual trip to New York. This trip is sponsored by Southern and open to the campus and the community.

"This event brings the community and Southern together to enjoy theatre," Fields said.

Within two weeks 30 seats were reserved and as of November 23rd 33 seats were taken, with only a couple remaining. Many of the seats reserved were by community theatre which is added plus for Southern theatre and the students.

With more faculty, staff and students the Theatre department is in the spotlight and answering encore after encore.

### The Proof Is In The Survey

The formal survey has been a valuable tool in many areas of business, education, and in the professional fields. Once again it will provide the communications department with the information from alumni it needs to continue or to change the curriculum offered their students.

"We will be doing a formal survey of alumni next year, our third one in six years," Mr. Ri-

This would include the areas of foreign language, mass communications and speech communication. The languages that are taught at Southern are Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian and Spanish. Spanish is the only foreign language that offers a major at this time.

"In foreign language one of our desires is to make possible a strong support system for area schools and the community," Massa said. This would include offering translations and information about the countries to assist in terms of trade.

"The foreign language lab provides unusual opportunities for students and faculty, whether it aids students depends upon the student," he said.

A speech communications degree would enable a graduate to seek a career path in areas such as government, business and the professions. So why then is speech class or Oral Communi-

ty can help students achieve success."

The proof is in the survey and the study. One of the top five things always demanded by management is a skill in public speaking and oral communications Massa said.

An area in the department that will be receiving enhanced attention is how the department will concern itself with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"We are particularly concerned at present time about how we will be serving the public in terms of the Americans with Disabilities Act," Massa said.

Another project in the planning stages this semester is the creation of an alumni news letter. This would keep others up to date on the accomplishments of their graduates. With alumni in careers from east coast theatre to west coast motion pictures and all points in between, this newsletter will be a communications link between graduates and faculty as well as a network device for current students.

Mass communications is a hands on experience, from the award winning *Chart* to the award winning Newsmakers program on MSTV. Classical music has reached new heights airing on KXMS radio, and *Crossroads: The Magazine* is enabling students to learn basic publication techniques.

Communications graduates are in business, as directors; media, as news anchors; volunteer careers in all areas from upper management on down; theatre; motion pictures, as assistants to directors; the legal field; and environmental law.

"They (graduates) are limited only upon the limit they have placed upon themselves," Massa said. In the past three or four years shows performed on the Southern stage have increased from around four a year to the present six and eight. The number of majors during this time frame has almost doubled.



**Television production is one of the hands-on experience courses offered to communication students through the department.**

chard W. Massa, head, department of communications said. From this survey valuable information will be incorporated into revisions with a major revision planned for 1997 of the programs, possibly the entire curriculum.

cations avoided more than physical science?

"Fear of public speaking is one of the greatest fears Americans have. It (oral communication) should be taken the freshman year," Massa said. "It is a fundamental basic skill,



# REBUILDING HISTORY

BY MICHELLE YIPE

The Barn Theatre on campus mysteriously burned to the ground three years ago; who did it and why still remains a mystery. The police investigation determined that it was arson,

information, on campus, suggested using the play *Love Letters* as a fund-raising benefit for rebuilding the Barn Theatre. With President Julio Leon's support, Hunt promoted a Gala after opening night. An alumni reunion of the people who worked and performed in the

a black box theatre with one-level, mobile seating that will accommodate between 300 and 400 persons. The walls and ceiling will be painted a flat matte in black or grey which will be ideal for theatre productions.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice-president, revealed that plans for the theatre are still in the

preliminary stages. He is optimistic about having the plans being ready by January 1, 1994; getting bids on the architecture by April 1; and starting construction by May 1.

Although the new Barn Theatre's primarily purpose is theatre productions, it may also be used for movies and possibly some lectures.



The destruction of the Barn Theatre was devastating.

but, as of this date there have been no arrests made in connection with the fire.

The old barn was converted to a theatre in 1966 when the college moved to the Wall-ower's estate from 8th and Wall in Joplin. The estate was built in the 1920s by Mr. Lucas Buchanan who was a mine owner. When the barns were first built, the cost was approximately \$20,000 a piece. Each barn had a cement floor and running water. Mr. Buchanan died in 1940 and the estate was sold to Mr. Frank Wallower.

This past September, Mrs. Gwen Hunt, director of public

barn theatre was held after the last night's show. Hunt's efforts were met with great success in raising approximately \$8000 towards rebuilding the Barn Theatre.

The College plans to rebuild the barn with the insurance money and the additional contributions they have received. Plans for rebuilding, which may start sometime next year, will include measures for fire retardant throughout the building. According to Mr. Duane Hunt the outside will be constructed like the original barn, but the inside will be considerably different. Inside will be built like



Photo courtesy of Gwen Hunt

The interior of the Barn Theatre was in shambles after the blaze. The new Theatre will take on many of its old features.

FACULTY AND STAFF PICTURES!

SENIOR PICTURES!



Mrs. Carolyn Wolfe

Dr. Karolyn Yocum

Mrs. Kathy Zimmerhagl

Pamela Adams

Toni Aldridge

Julie Allen

Cindi Allison

Sharon Arner



# What's Up In *THEATRE?* BY ROB LUNDIEN

## *Children's Play To Be A Debut For Director*

Bill Watts, a senior theatre major, has been on the road to his directing debut for quite some time. It is surprising to hear of this at Missouri Southern since at most institutions of higher learning the students produce one act plays in directing classes, never a major stage productions for the public like his performance of "The Ant And The Grasshopper".

Another senior theatre major, Steve Mandeville, was also selected to direct a play this school year. Mandeville directed "Like

Father" which debuted earlier this fall.

Looking for just the right production was difficult. "I looked through about 100 different scripts before deciding on one," Watts said.

After making the selection the two seniors were required to make an analysis of their play choice. They had to study the plot, characters, and the structure of the production. To add to the work load, the designers and stage crew also had to be selected.

"The Ant And The Grasshopper" is a classic story about a meticulous ant who works all of the time and never relaxes. The ant comes into contact with a frivolous grasshopper who does not care about working. In the end, the two insects rub off on each other, with the grasshopper learning responsibility, and the ant learning to relax a little.

Schools in the Joplin area will be invited to come see the production on campus. It will debut the first week of March.



## *Musical To Quilt Its Way Into Audience Members' Hearts*

Movement westward in the prairie days of the late 1800s is the depiction of the musical "Quilters", which is scheduled to be presented April 13-16 in Taylor Performing Arts Center. The production is about seven women, a mother and her daughters, who deal with the hardships of their times. The women are confronted by tornados, fires, building cabins, birth control, and death.

The musical contains 16 stories. Throughout these stories the women piece together a quilt using blocks of cloth. Each block represents one of the stories. At the end of the play a

huge quilt is displayed with all of the blocks of fabric quilted together. A big block in the center represents the family tree of the women.

Much of the behind the scenes work is being done by Gerrie-Ellen Johnston, choreographer; Sam Claussen, set design; Brenda Jackson, set dressing; Ann Jaros, costume design; and Shawna Irish, lighting.

Tryouts are open to anyone, and will be held the first week of school during the spring semester. A portion of the audition will include singing. All interested persons can contact the theatre department at 625-9393.

## **One-Acts To Make A Reappearance**

Rehearsals have long been underway for the first production for the spring theatre season. The first performance will be of two one act plays: "Graceland" and "Asleep on the Winds", both directed by Mr. Duane Hunt.

"Graceland" is about a middle aged woman named Bev, and a young girl, Rootie. The two women are waiting in line outside Graceland, Elvis Presley's home, for the gates to open. Both have their own personal reasons why they have to be the first to tour the King's home.

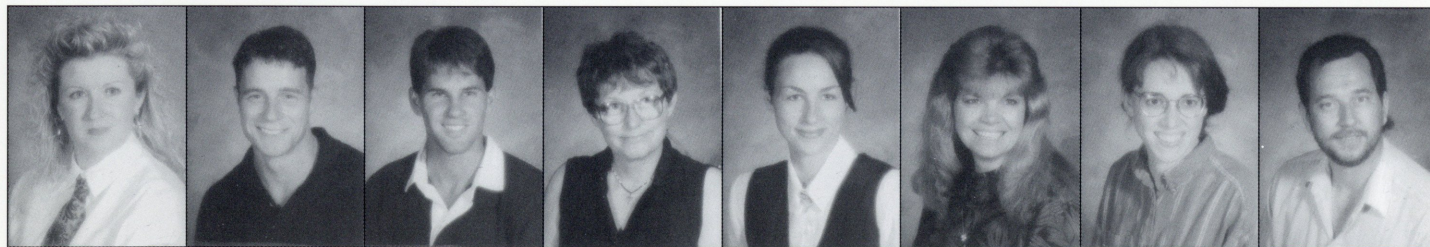
The action takes place outside the gates of Graceland as Bev and Rootie physically and mentally try to move one another in order to be the first in Graceland. "The women start

out pushing and shoving each other," said Hunt. "Then they evolve into a contest in seeing who knows the most about Elvis. It's a riotous comedy. Through this the audience learns about the characters."

The second act "Asleep On The Winds", involves Rootie 10 years earlier at an event that changed her life. The plot takes place in Buya Teche in Louisiana. It entangles Rootie and her brother, Beau, who is shipping off to fight in the Vietnam war. She struggles to come to grips with herself about war and separation.

The two part play will show at 7:30 p.m. on February 2-5 in the Taylor Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be reserved by calling 625-9393.

### *SENIOR PICTURES!*



Dyanna  
Bain

Eric  
Barnes

Jonnathan  
Bartel

Pat  
Beaudin

Suzanne  
Belveal

Sherry  
Bennight

Lucile  
Bennion

Blake  
Tyler



## PEOPLE TO WATCH

BY P.J. GRAHAM

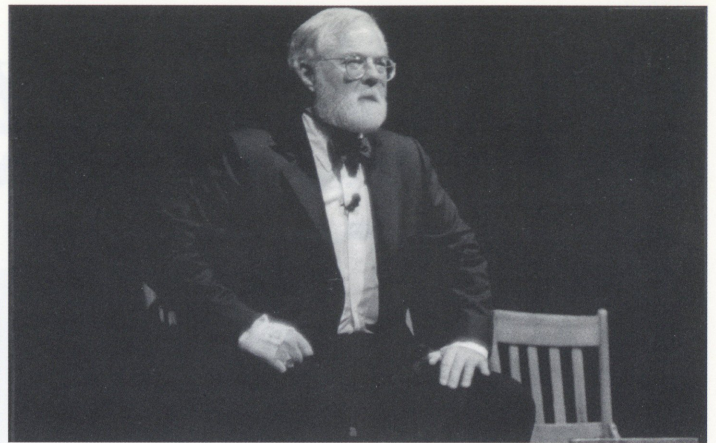
Whatever anyone may want to say about author Robert Fulgham, it must be admitted that the man is inspirational. Fulgham gave a benefit performance at the Taylor Performing Arts Center in October for the Salvation Army. The

**Robert Fulgham presented himself on stage using only a stool and a few chairs. props.**

event drew an audience of more than 800 spectators.

Fulgham, author of *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, *It Was on Fire When I Lay Down On It*, *Uh-Oh*, and *Maybe (Maybe Not)*, gave a speaking performance

Debbie Solomon



which ranged from light and delightful to tedious and boring to his book fans.

Looking something between Wilford Brimley (of the Quaker Oats fame) and Santa Claus, it was easy to think of Fulgham as someone a student might know. His personable style certainly adds to the familiarity which

was felt when watching the writer/ex-teacher give his spiel.

Overall, Fulgham's delivery was best described as subtle. He was generally quiet and did not get too bouncy on the stage. Most of his movements were restricted to the shuffling of chairs around the stage floor and gentle hand gestures.

BY MARY WHITE

On September 16 the comedian Tommy Blaze came to campus to entertain students, faculty, and staff members of Missouri Southern.

Blaze has been in comedy for eight years and admits that it isn't as much fun as it looks. "Being on stage is both rewarding and devastating," said Blaze. "Sometimes it is hard to get in the mood to make people laugh. They may want to laugh, but there are times when all I want to do is sit, relax, and not worry about making people laugh. It's a moody profession."

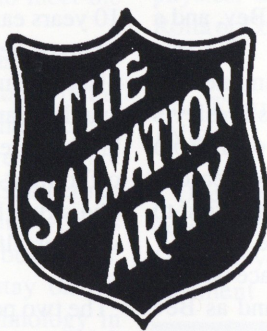
Blaze is from New York City where he was known as a traditional "class clown" in his school. While doing amateur

nights in clubs around Florida, Blaze was discovered by an agent.

The material Blaze uses in his performances is taken from 'life experiences'. "I pay attention to people and the things around me," said Blaze. "There are many people and situations I run into that I now look back on and laugh about. Life itself is full of laughter."

Family is what helped Blaze in his early years. "They never once said 'Get a real job'," Blaze said. "But I wouldn't advise others to follow my footsteps. There are already too many comics, and there is no money for beginners. If I can't convince anyone, then my advice is to get lots of stage time."

**The Salvation Army is having it's annual canned food drive and Christmas food basket collection for area families. If you wish to donate food or volunteer please call 624-4528 for informaiton.**



SENIOR PICTURES!



Traci  
Blevin

Dustin  
Borland

Michelle  
Brown

Sandy  
Brust

Treasa  
Byrd

Traci  
Cliffman

Marie  
Convirs

Dedra  
Cornett



# HEALTHY ME

BY DEBRA SCHOW

## Feeling A Little WOOLY?

Tis' the season for coughing, sneezing, sinus headaches, and fevers. If one comes down with any of these flu symptoms some of the best remedies, which are also affordable for the college budget, can be found right in front of one's eyes.

Missouri Southern's nurse, Julia Foster, advises as soon as a student notices a sore throat start gargling with warm salt water and drink lots of fluids. If the sore throat continues and other symptoms arise her advice is to take Advil or Tylenol for the aches and pains and avoid solid foods, especially milk or milk products. The Nurse also mentioned if these or any other symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea) last more than 48 hours to call her at once and get an appointment with the Doctor!

The Health Clinic is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Dr. William Hughes is in on Monday from 7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. and Thursday from 5:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. The clinic can supply over-the-counter drugs, but no prescriptions. Foster advises students to get their prescription filled at Smitty's because they give student discounts with an I.D.!

## TRUE:

According to Southern's Health Clinic it is best for the average college student to receive 8-10 hours of sleep a night on a regular basis. On nights before tests (SUCH AS FINALS!) it is recommended to receive 10 hours of Z's.

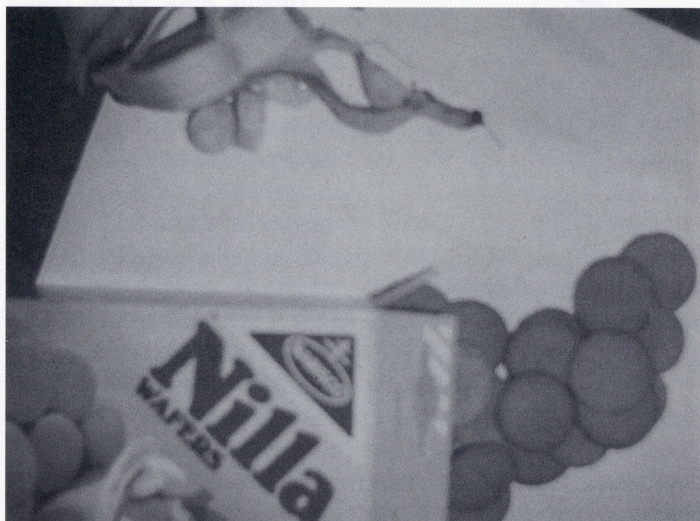
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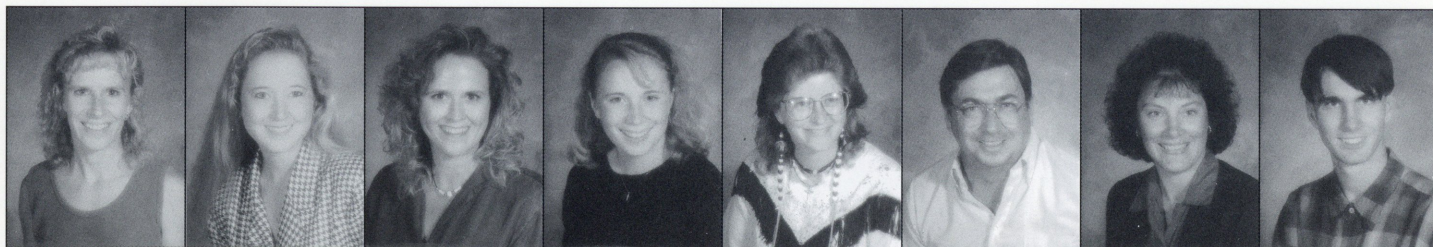
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## SOUTHERN INSIGHT

Some facts AMAZE us! For instance, 16.5 percent of Southern's graduates within the fiscal year of 1992 actually got through their college career in FOUR years! And people say it can't be done! (This figure does not include transfer students.)

### SENIOR PICTURES!



Jody  
Curl

Melinda  
Dunaway

Jennifer  
David

Katheryn  
DeGruson

Janis  
Dillard

Bill  
Dinan

Connie  
Estes

Jessie  
Fields

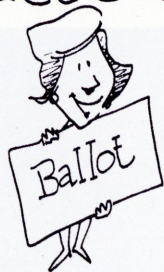


# 1,2,3,4 Whom Did We Vote For?

BY CATHERINE ROSS

The Student Senate elections were held September 7 and 8 on the Missouri Southern campus. This was the first year the election boxes were located in different buildings on campus. Approximately 450 students turned out to vote, a much larger number than previous years. The Senate ran completely out of

## Campus Elections



ballots for the junior and senior candidates. This had never happened before.

Senators elected included: (Seniors) Debra Baker, Troy Comeau, Paul Hood, Ken Delaughter, Darrell King, Amy Mahurin, Debbie Pettyjohn, Reed Thompson, Donna Umfleet, (Juniors) Ramona Austin, Travis Alamdinger, Barbara Bauer, Ryan Collier, Lyla Do-

**Student Senate meetings are held every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in Billingsly Student Center. The meetings are open to students to attend.**

ver, Marjorie Dudley, Scott Hettinger, Jennifer Kunce, Shawn Riley, (Sophomores) Jason Glaskey, Selby Hesterly, Merideth Moore, Braden McBride, Stacy Shoen, Jennifer Schumaker, Clarissa Shumaker, Beth Wilkerson, Lisa Wood, (Freshmen) Yonnie Carrillo, Trevor Davies, Kimberly Jones, Autumn Lawrence, Stacy Mathes, Debra Meyers, Bill Wallis, Lori Page, and John Weedn.

Among some of the issues brought before the Student Senate this semester were finding ways to become involved on campus besides allocating money, allowing senators who are members of campus organizations to vote on resolutions affecting that organization as long as the senator did not benefit personally from the resolution, finding fund-raising techniques for The United Way, and planning for the annual Senate trip to Jefferson City.

The Senate officers for the school year are: Cami Davey, President; Paul Hendrickson, Vice-President; Amy Lorton, Secretary; and Brian Rash, Treasurer.

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| 2. Roll Call         | 7. Unfinished Business |
| 3. Minutes           | 8. New Business        |
| 4. Officers' Reports | 9. Announcements       |
| 5. Committee Reports | 10. Adjournment        |

### SENIOR PICTURES!



Teresa  
Frizzell

Leslie  
Gann

Michelle  
Getchell

Charles  
Giltner

Fran  
Gordon

Heather  
Haagland

Jennifer  
Halligan

John  
Hacker



# Expanding To A New Location

BY ROB LUNDIEN

Moving to downtown Joplin, Spiva Art Center prepares to leave the campus of Missouri Southern. Currently renovating their new facilities, the Art Center plans to move to 303 Wall street in the spring of 1994. They will be sharing their facilities with the Joplin Convention and Visitors Bureau. The Art Center entered into a new cooperative partnership with the city of Joplin and will be leasing 30 percent of the 10,000 square foot building to the city.

Spiva Art Center is completely separate from Missouri Southern. It was first called the Ozark Artists Guild and was located at Fourth and Sergeant in Joplin. When Southern

moved to its current location and became a four year college, George Spiva funded for the gallery to be built on the campus. However, the Art Center would be allowed to operate itself.

After Spiva's death his family carried on his dreams. What used to be storage space is now a library/kitchen/office area. The parking behind the music

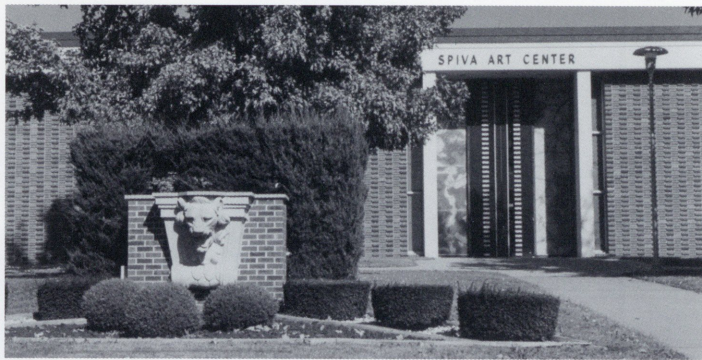
building was originally a graveled lot. Mrs. Spiva agreed to have the lot paved if a few spaces could be reserved for visitation to the Center.

Due to the increased growth of the college, the Spiva Art Center board decided in November of 1992 to relocate. Spiva board president Diane Volk said the Art Center is funded by federal and state

money. They are required to follow certain stipulations in order to keep receiving the aid. Southern's growth has caused a decrease in the amount of available parking for Spiva. This has decreased the number of visitors to the Center.

The art outlet is also required to display signs advertising the Center. Various traveling art shows have declined Spiva due to the fact that the gallery is heated and cooled by water. This causes an excess of humidity and could threaten the condition of the works of art.

A lack of classroom space forced the Art Center to limit educational classes. The new facility will allow space to offer classes in painting, drawing and ceramics plus a controlled temperature environment.



Joan Stewart

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CELEBRATING...

# LOUISIANA



"Mardi Gras Madness", theme for Missouri Southern's Homecoming, set the mood for the week long celebration beginning October 18. The theme was borrowed from the New Orleans annual celebration.

The festivities began on Monday with the official book signing of *In Pursuit of Excellence-MSSC 1937-1992* by Dr. G.K. Renner. His book tells the history of Southern from junior college years until 1992. Dr. Renner was on campus for two hours attending a reception and book signing in his honor.

Later that evening a Talent Show was sponsored. There were prizes in two categories, organization entries and individual entries. Both categories had first, second, and third places. The winners of organization entries included: third, to Koinonia with their wacky dance and song routine; second, went to RHA and their group (including Debbie Gibson!) singing "Turn Around"; and first, was awarded to Alpha Sigma Alpha for their hip-hop style dance routine.

In the individual entries third place went to Valerie Couch for her performance of the jazz hit "Hey Big Spender", Angie Brower received second for her version of "I Will Always Love You", which she dedicated to her father and gave him a red rose, and first place was given

**Southern Homecoming Royalty for 1993 were Carey Austin, sponsored by the Student Nurses Association, and Joe Swingle, sponsored by the Residence Hall Association.**

Photo courtesy of Larry Meacham



# STYLE!

to Carla Younger for the composition and performance of her piano solo.

An ice cream social was held Wednesday for the entire campus in Billingsly Student Center. There were 840 quarts of various types of ice cream on hand to make sure everyone had enough.

On Thursday the activities included judging Homecoming displays with fourth place going to LEX- Legal Studies Club, third- LDSSA, second- RHA, and first place to Education Students Organization. There was a Bonfire/Yell Contest that evening with \$100 going to the group with the loudest mouths. The winners of that event was the Southern Football Team.

**Matt Waggoner and Dan Golden, sponsored by Koinonia, participated in the annual Homecoming talent show dressed in unusual outfits.**



Debra Schow

(GO LIONS!) The all-campus picnic and crowning of royalty was held at noon on Friday. The royalty finalists were (kings) Tony Jackson, Joe Swingle, Jason Sloan, Jeff Prewitt, Ryan Collier, (queens) Honey Scott, Stacy Brown, Rebecca Sloan, Carey Austin, and Denise Compton. The 1993 Southern Homecoming Queen and King were Carey Austin and Joe Swingle.

The food service served chicken breast sandwiches, baked beans, fruits, vegetables, soft drinks, cookies, brownies, and many more added goodies for the hungry picnic participants.

The Mardi Gras Dance was Friday night at the Hammons Trade Center. Over 250 Southern students showed up to dance before the game that Saturday.

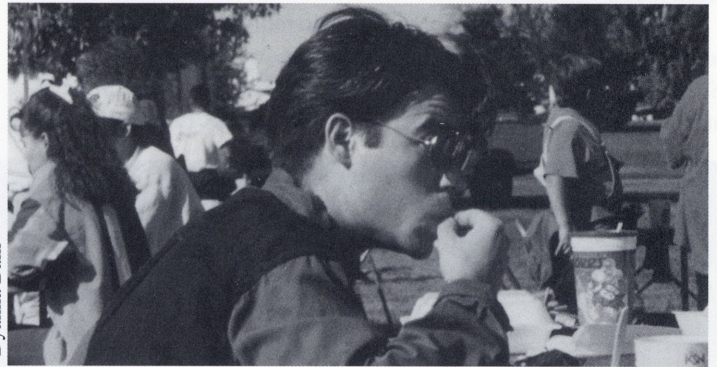
At promptly 10 a.m. Saturday the Homecoming parade began down Main Street. The parade started on 12th street and proceeded to 3rd street. There were many students, faculty, staff, and community members lining the streets cheering the parade on. Some things included in the parade were the Missouri Southern Lion Pride Marching Band, area school bands, various club floats, the Royalty nominees, Dr. and Mrs. Julio Leon, Dr. G.K. Renner, who was selected as the grand marshal of the event, the Southern Cheerleaders, and many other decorative sights.

The main event of Homecoming was Saturday afternoon, however. This event being referring to would be THE GAME. Southern played and

beat the Hornets of Emporia State. (For more details on this and other Lion wins turn to the football story on page 34.)

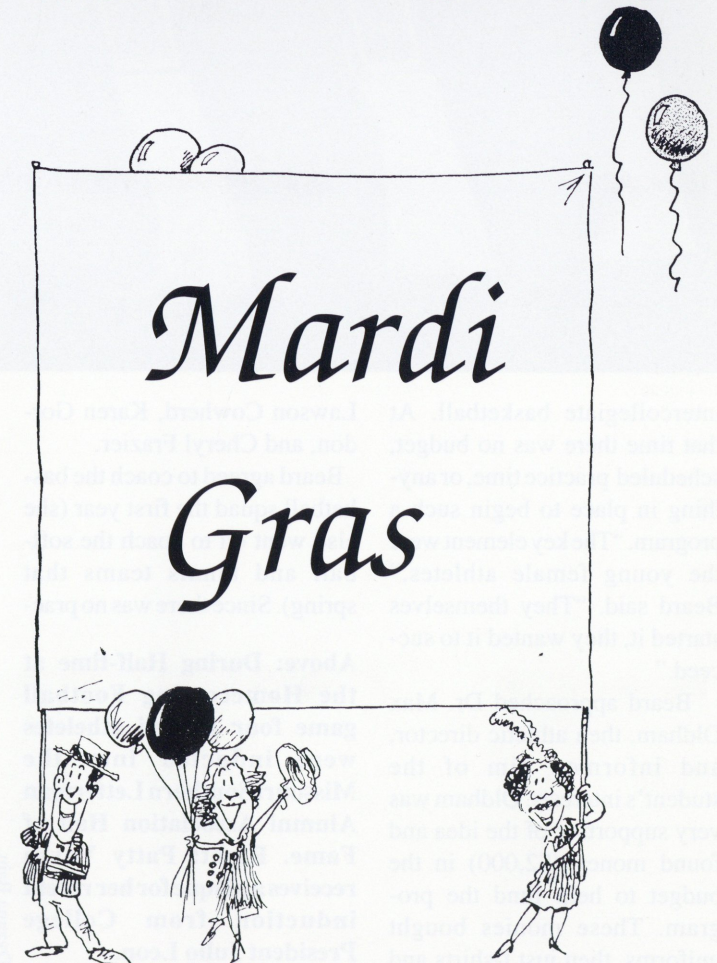
Overall, Homecoming turned out to be a very spirited event

that brought out the pride in Southern students and faculty/staff members. It was a week that will go down in history as a Southern celebration done Louisiana Style.



Dyanna Bain

Enjoying the food at the Homecoming picnic is Guy Stegman.





# An Anniversary of CHANGE

Women's athletics at Missouri Southern celebrated its 20th Anniversary. The program was founded in 1974 with basketball, softball, and tennis being the varsity sports offered. Southern currently offers seven varsity sports for women: basketball, softball, cross-country, track and field (both indoor and outdoor), tennis, and volleyball.

The program began when interested students approached Sallie Beard, now the women's athletic director, wanting to play

shorts, that were used for both basketball and softball seasons. The next year the program was given more money and was able to give out the first full-ride scholarships to women athletes. Those recipients were Barb

tice time scheduled in the gymnasium, the group held their practices at 6 a.m. "It wasn't easy for them," said Beard, "but practicing that early took dedication. I believe it speed up the attitude process for the team."

The 6 a.m. practices only lasted that first year, after that a two-hour time slot was worked out for practice time; a time which is still used today.

The first Lady Lion's basketball game was played on December 4, 1974, against Evangel College in Springfield. They lost their debut, but won the next game against Pittsburg State and went on to finish 9-2 for the season, which, considering they had only one player on the team with previous experience, was an amazing record.

The Lady Lions went from first competing in the Association of Inter-collegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) to the National Association of Inter-collegiate Athletics



Dyanna Bain

intercollegiate basketball. At that time there was no budget, scheduled practice time, or anything in place to begin such a program. "The key element were the young female athletes," Beard said. "They themselves started it, they wanted it to succeed."

Beard approached Dr. Max Oldham, then athletic director, and informed him of the student's interests. Oldham was very supportive of the idea and found money (\$2,000) in the budget to help fund the program. These monies bought uniforms, then just t-shirts and

Lawson Cowherd, Karen Gordon, and Cheryl Frazier.

Beard agreed to coach the basketball squad the first year (she also went on to coach the softball and tennis teams that spring). Since there was no prac-

**Above: During Half-time at the Homecoming Football game four alumni atheletes were inducted into the Missouri Southern Letterman Alumni Association Hall of Fame. Right: Patty Vavra receives a plaque for her recent induction from College President Julio Leon.**



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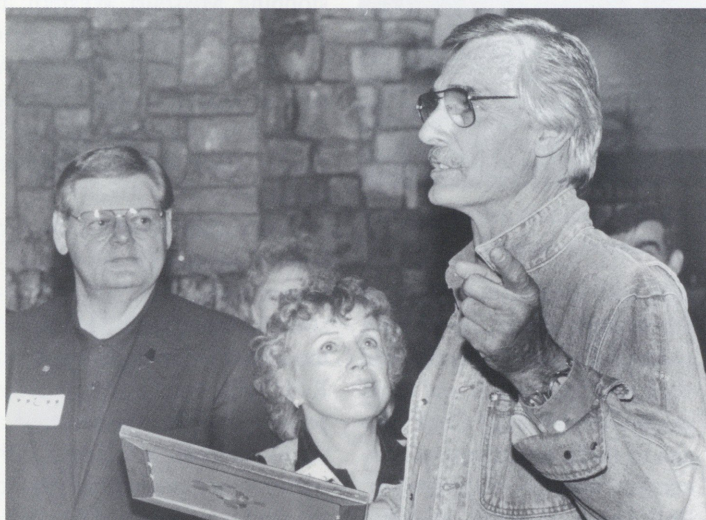


# WELCOME ALUMS!

(NAIA) and now to the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA). They also were conference affiliates to the Central States Intercollegiate Conference (CSIC) before their current membership in the Mid-America Intercollegiate

with the unnecessary separate set of rules for women, is why the NCAA and NAIA finally accepted women athletics."

There were about 90 former Lady Lion athletes, trainers, coaches, and administrators who attended the festivities during



T. Rob Brown

**Helping celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Women's Athletics was television celebrity and Southern alumnus, Dennis Weaver.**

Athletics Association (MIAA).

Women participating in sports was not very accepted at the time the programs at Southern were started. In the beginning, NCAA nor NAIA wanted much to do with women's sports. "The Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women was formed since no one would accept the women's programs," said Beard. "The AIAW allowed us to crown national champions and set up basic rules. AIAW soon became a strong and influential organization with much power. This threat, along

the anniversary. One highlight of the celebration was the induction of the first female student athletes to the Missouri Southern Letterman Alumni Association Hall of Fame. These athletes included Barbara (Lawson) Cowherd, Pam (Brisby) Laughlin, and Patty Vavra. They are the first women athletes to hold this honor.

With the help of coaches, players and many other supporters, the Lady Lions have accomplished numerous successes throughout the past 20 years of play.



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# ABOVE THE

BY DYANNA BAIN

Above the roar of the crowd and the playing band the Lions descended onto the field of Fred G. Hughes Stadium. Enthusiasm, excitement, and perhaps a tinge of nervousness could be heard through the golden helmets they wore like crowns. They were here to participate in a contest of skill and determination. Their minds were focused and the Lions were here to play.

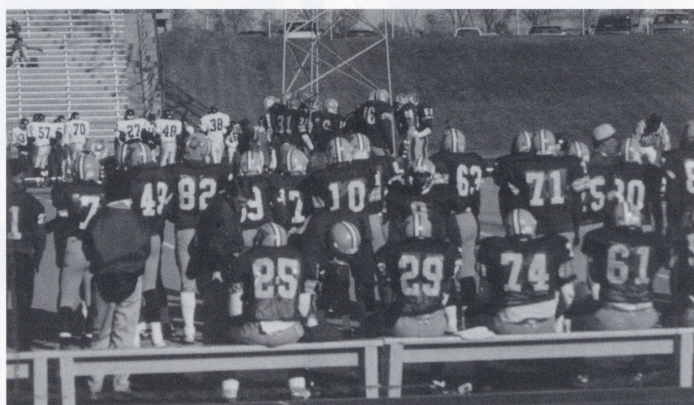
The first victim of the Lions was Central Arkansas. UCA was ahead 14-7 early in the 4th quarter, but the Lion's came back to drive 80 yards to tie the score. The Lion defense held UCA's drive and a 52-yard field-goal attempt with a 28 seconds to play. A tie score of 14-14 ended the game, but the Lion's were on their way.

What will probably be considered one of the most memorable games during the season came the second week of play. The Lions host their long time arch rivals the Pittsburg State Gorilla's. Fred G. Hughes Stadium was at capacity and several thousand spectators speckled the hillsides surrounding to see the GAME. Coach Jon Lantz and his team were about to win back the Miner's Bowl Trophy and settle a score with the Gorillas as they handed them their first loss from

the Lions in nine years. In the fourth quarter, when the Lions began to feel and to bask in the thrill of victory, by the glow of the scoreboard and the trickling of warm perspiration down their faces. They had at this point set the mood for the season with a

just 153 yards while the accumulated final score of 21. On a dreary and chilly afternoon the Lions once again reigned supreme.

Back home at the Lion's Stadium, Northeast Missouri planned to send the Lions run-



**The Missouri Southern Lions lined the sidelines during games to watch their fellow teammates lead them to victory.**

sweeter than sugar coated candy win of 20-3 over the Gorillas.

On any given day in the next few weeks, a passerby at the football stadium could hear the clashing warriors making plans for the next team who would attempt to take their stand against the Lions. Their first road game took them to Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Missouri. Missouri Southern took the lead early in the first half 7-3 and padded that margin in the second half to 21-3. The Lions held SBU to

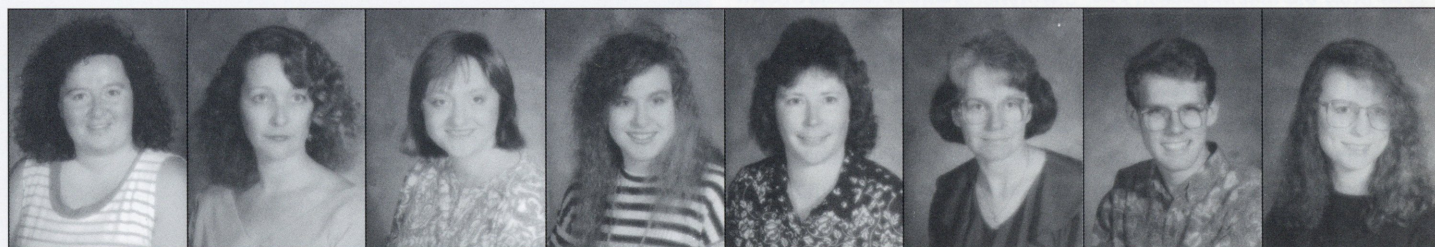
ning with their tales tucked. In the second quarter, down by a score of 23-0 the Lions reached deep into their hearts and souls as quarterback Matt Cook began to make the infamous connection with his widereceiver, Rod Smith, to spark an unbelievable come-from-behind victory. At the two minute mark, the Lions drove down field and on a three-yard pass from Cook to Jared Kaaiohelo the Lions took the lead 41-37, with only 29 seconds left to play: A well fought victory for the Lions.

Early October took the Lions

to St. Joseph to tangle with Missouri Western. On a night better suited to Eskimos the Lions once again took a stand. In the frosty air their breath crystallized in their faces to give an unearthly glow. Damp, cold and wet the Lions, powered by an un-known force trudged on. Late in the fourth quarter and so cold they could barely feel their frozen bodies Kaaiohelo scored on a one-yard run to put the Lion's ahead 30-28. With a little over five minutes left to play the Lion defense really went to work at stopping Missouri Western at all scoring attempts. Linebacker Ron Burton was named MIAA defensive player of the week for his valiant efforts resulting in 11 tackles (nine solo) during the game.

After week six the Lions go head to head with another unbeaten team, the Central Missouri State University Mules. In the first quarter, Matt Cook hit Rod Smith with two touch down passes and then maneuvered a run himself before finding Smith with another touch down pass to put the Lions ahead 27-0 at half-time. In the second half the Lion's defense took over and forced the Mules to turn the ball over five times, in addition to holding CMSU twice on a fourth down inside the Lion 10-yard line. Linebacker Brian Strain helped in leading this unit with 10 tackles for the day. With a

## SENIOR PICTURES



Susan  
Harper

Nancy  
Harris

Angel  
Hayes

Brenda  
Hazley

Terri  
Head

Lorna  
Hendrix

Todd  
Higdon

Kelli  
Hilburn



# ROAR!

27-7 win over the Mules the Lions were able to keep sole possession of first place in the MIAA standings.

October 23 was Homecoming for the Lions as they posted their biggest win with a 39-17 victory over Emporia State University. The Lions took an early lead with a 12-0 in the first quarter. Quarterback Matt Cook threw touchdown passes to wide receivers Rod Smith and Gerald Brewer. In the third quarter MSSC took a commanding lead. Cook had nine completions in 23 attempts for 182 yards and four touchdowns and has now thrown a TD pass in 21 consecutive games to tie the NCAA Division II record.

The Lions won their seventh straight game by beating

Washburn University 36-21 in Topeka, Kan. The Lions fell behind in the first quarter 7-0, but scored 20 straight points in the period on a three-yard run by tailback Albert Bland, a 30-yard run by quarterback Matt Cook and a 12-yard pass from Cook to wide receiver Rod Smith before Washburn pulled within six at halftime with a score of 20-14. The Lions put the game away in the fourth quarter with a scoring run by tailback Wardell Anderson.

November 6th was the final regular-season home appearance for eight Lion Seniors: line-backer Ron Burton, quarterback

**Rod Smith (9) tries to break free of a tackle as he attempts to run for some yardage.**



T. Rob Brown

Matt Cook, offensive lineman Jon Froanks, running back Randy Hunt, free safety Trace Maxwell, tight end Matt Kline, wide receiver Rod Smith, and linebacker Jason Stahl.

The Lions lead 33-14 at half-time as quarterback Matt Cook's passes to wide-receivers Rod Smith and Jason Dyer were complete: along with a run by Cook and another by tailback Albert Bland. This clinched sole possession of first place in the conference race with a 47-33 win over the University of Missouri-Rolla.

To round out a perfect season the Lions took their last road game to Maryville, Missouri to take on the Bearcats. At half-time the Lions were up 27-14. In the second half brought a final score of 49-33. The Lions tallied 266 yards passing for the game. The win over Maryville gave the Lions the MIAA Conference Champions with an undefeated Conference season.

## TOYS For TOTS



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# JUST KICKING AROUND

With a final record of 5-12-2, the Missouri Southern Lion soccer team beat its previous season record. The team played 19 games throughout the season, two of which were taken into overtime.

The team has worked hard all season on conditioning, scrimmaging, and team tactics. The outcome was a better record and a better team. All 19 team members showed improvements in certain areas and leadership skills throughout the season.

Although soccer is not one of the more popular sports on campus, it is gaining interest. The team is currently made up of

strong players and a strong head coach, George Greenlee, who is one major factor in why the interest in the sport has increased.

Last year Greenlee arranged to the best of his ability the games at times students would be able to attend. This along with the wide-spread general interest in soccer, is what helped the team gain side line fans.

In the seasons to come there is hope that even more fans will attend games and the sport will grow on campus, both in interest and size.

**Chris Schacht (3) weaves through his opponents to score a goal for Southern.**



## Soccer Scoreboard

University of Missouri-Rolla	3-1
Lincoln University	1-1
Christian Brothers University	1-3
Lambuth University	1-0
Avila College	1-2
Northeast Missouri State University	0-1
Southwest Missouri State University	0-4
Southwest Baptist University	6-0
Teikyo-Westmar University	0-3
Oklahoma University	0-9
Southern Nazarene University	2-3
Oral Roberts University	4-1
Northeastern State University	1-1
John Brown University	0-1
West Texas A&M University	0-4
Fontbonne College	1-2
Rockhurst College	1-8
University of Missouri-St. Louis	2-1
Drury College	1-3

## SENIOR PICTURES!



Pam  
Hoofnagle

Kelly  
Householder

Kathleen  
Houck

Anna  
Huerta

Kaylea  
Hutson

Crystal  
Isman

Teresa  
Isom

Cynthia  
Jones



# Reaching for the RIM

BY DEBRA SCHOW

The basketball season is underway at Missouri Southern with the Lady Lions and Lions

beginning practices two days early.

In the NCAA rule book it states pre-season practices may begin the Saturday before November 1st, if that date falls on a Sunday

or Monday. This year Nov. 1 was on a Monday. Both teams have active playing schedules that began on November 23 and will end on March 4th with Regional Games beginning March 8 and going through NCAA Division II Championships on March 26.

The teams look and play as if they are ready to make this another winning season. Both teams took hits by losing such

starting players as Rolanda Gladden, Nancy Somers, Demarko McCullough, and Ron Joyner. The outlook does look good this season with returning members Chris Tucker, Dirk Price, Cindy Bricker and Tommie Horton, just to name a few. To catch the action of the Lions or Lady Lions pick-up a schedule and attend the games. Cheer Southern's players to another winning season.

## THE LADY LIONS SQUAD

No.	Name	Position
44	Cindy Bricker	F-C
40	Jennifer Charleston	G-F
45	Carie Garrison	G
20	Melissa Grider	G
43	Sonya Harlin	G
24	Tommie Horton	G-F
30	Teresa McLaury	G
42	Honey Scott	F
32	Cindy Van Iten	G-F
35	Karen Wunderlich	F-C
23	Trudy Youngblood	C

## THE LIONS SQUAD

44	Tim Burrell	F
10	Herbie Dill	G
42	Joe Drum	C
12	Kyle Hardin	G
32	Kelly Henderson	G
40	Brian Kelley	F
24	Ray Morris	G
20	Dirk Price	F
52	Caleb Rath	C
30	Greg Ray	F
50	Terrance Sisson	F
53	Chris Tucker	F

## FIRST, THE BAD NEWS

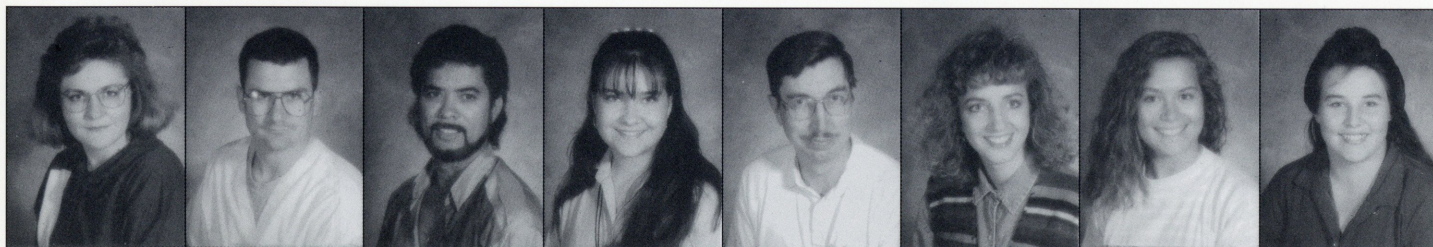
6 in 10 are overweight  
80% don't exercise regularly  
7 lb. weight gain over the holidays  
Clinical depression rising  
Diets high in fat, low in fiber

## Now, The Good News

Small changes get big results  
Moderate exercise is beneficial  
Quality exceeds quantity  
Eating healthy is easier than ever

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from The  
Wellness  
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## SENIOR PICTURES



Dewenda  
Katzfey

Chad  
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Tiffany  
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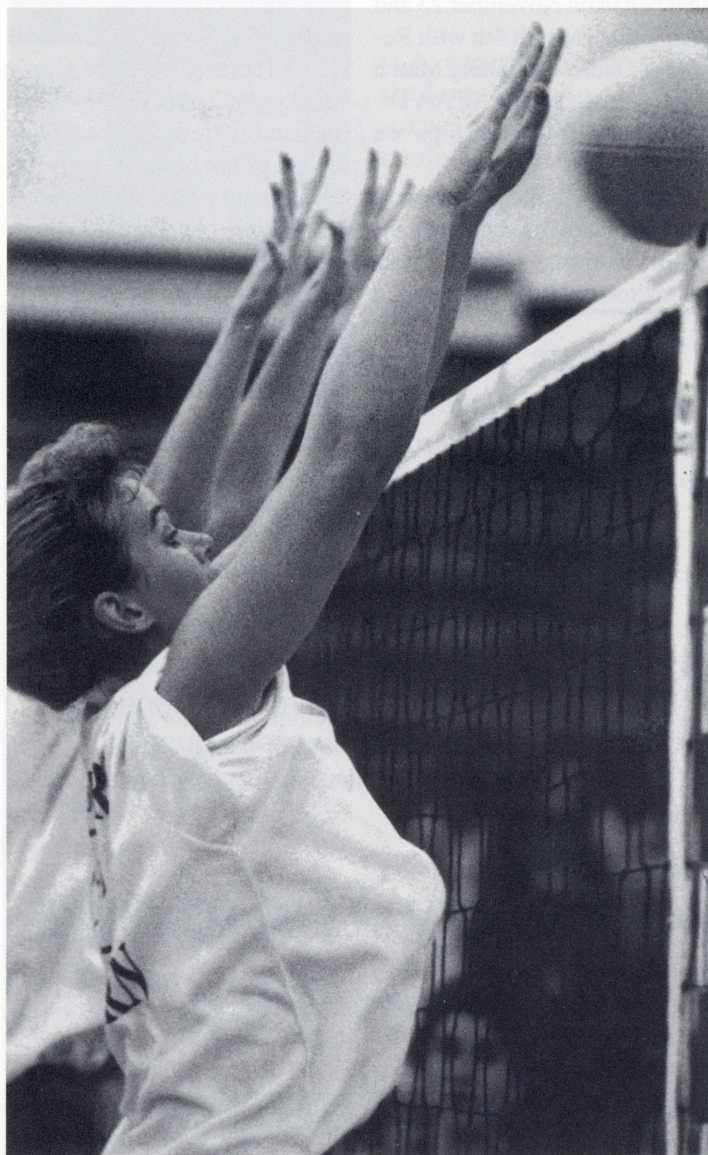
Christine  
Kuhlmann

Christy  
Ledbeter

Crystal  
Lemmons



# Volley That



Sherri Haynes, outside hitter, reaches to get the ball at practice.

SENIOR PICTURES!

The Lady Lions Volleyball team began practices with the goal of completing a third straight winning season already forming in their minds.

In the pre-season coach's poll, the Southern Lady Lion's coaching team was ranked fourth in the MIAA Conference. With a coaching team that strong and a team that is determined to win,

the Lady Lions, who finished fifth in the conference the previous season, had the power to make their goals reality.

The team played the season out with much effort. With four starting seniors (Michelle Dixon, Lori Fausett, Sherri Haynes, and Stacy Harter) the Lady Lions did not lack the experience on the court to put many of their

## "Tree" Branches Out

BY DAVID BURNETT

Hitting a volleyball through a tree is not something most teams prepare for, but opponents of Missouri Southern have had to do just that the last three years.

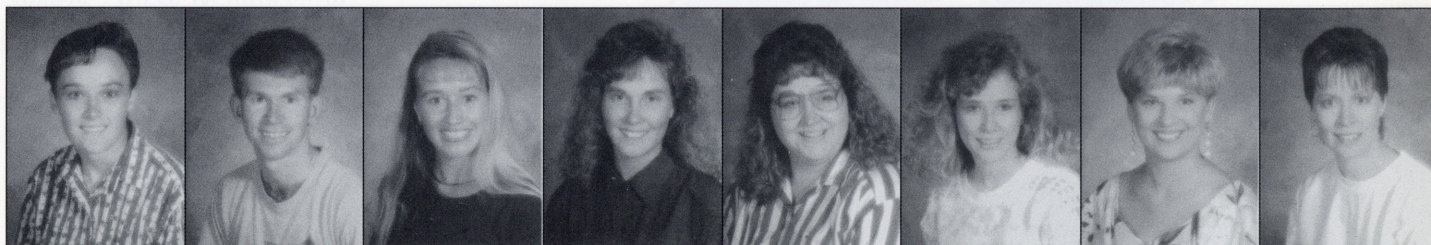
This year was no exception as Lori "Tree" Fausett patrol the net in her senior campaign. The 6 foot-1 middle hitter was given the nickname "Tree" in high school as a freshman, when a frustrated upperclassman called her a tree after being repeatedly stuffed by Fausett during a basketball practice. "I had always been tall and called lots of things because of my height, but never a tree," said Fausett. "It was so funny to my friends, and it just stuck."

Larger schools were among

her choices, but small classes and a friendly atmosphere helped win the right to plant the "Tree" on Southern's campus. Fausett played immediately as a freshman, but managed to keep her academics in perspective and was inducted into Phi Eta Sigma, the freshman honors society.

When not at volleyball practice or studying, Fausett spends her time being involved with Koinonia, a Christian campus ministry. "I remember my best friend, Amy, had to drag me to the first meeting," said Fausett. "There were only about 12 members back then, but they took me in and made me feel at home."

Besides the weekly lunches and meetings, Fausett enjoys going on service trips and retreats. Last year while being



Shannon  
Logan

Andy  
Love

Stephanie  
Lyons

Amy  
Mahurin

Brenda  
Martin

Lori  
Matters

Shannon  
McAlexander

Julie  
McClain



# BALL!

opponents to shame. However, there were many other players who took their place in the spotlight throughout the season. One particular player that caught the spotlight was setter Becky Harrell. Harrell replaced Danielle Bishop who graduated from

Southern last semester. Harrell had waited for the opening of the position since her freshman year and had worked hard to be able to fill Bishop's shoes.

The team played with much effort, team effort that is. "The successes we've had are because

of the team," coach Debbie Traywick said. "We don't have a specific player we focus on. If a team member is not playing well, the whole team helps the member and that's what it is all about."

Southern's Lady Lions finished this season reaching their

goal of maintaining a third winning season. They placed fourth, one up from last year, in the MIAA conference and even made history when Coach Traywick completed her 100th team win of her Southern career.

**Lori Fausett puts her height to her advantage as she hits the ball over the net.**

sponsored by Koinonia she was named Homecoming queen, a honor she also enjoyed in high school. "I never thought I would win something like that in college," she said. "It was really fun, although I think my parents were more excited than I was."

On the volleyball court, Fausett wants to make her last year a winning effort while having fun. "I'd like to play more de-

fense. It's fun to dig out balls when you're 6-1," said Fausett. "Also, as a team we want to beat Central Missouri State University this year." Unfortunately the Lady Lions were unable to do that this season.

Fausett projects confidence that wasn't there when she first arrived at Southern. "Coach [Debbie] Traywick has really helped me build confidence both

on and off the court," Fausett said. "I'm stronger physically and mentally because of her. She is always telling us to do the right thing."

Fausett credits her family's support on making decisions on her own. "They support me no matter what my decision is," said Fausett. "My dad is a very giving person, and so is my mom. I want to be like them someday."

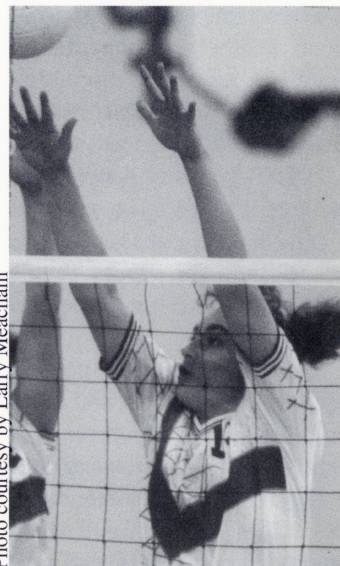


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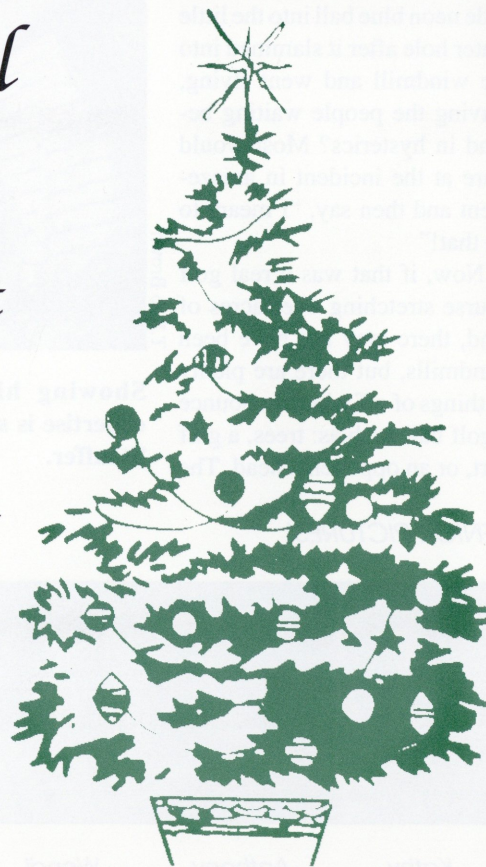
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# Not Physical Enough For YOU?

What game is played by Missouri Southern athletes, but is hardly a topic for discussion around campus? The correct answer is both golf and tennis.

There are many people who believe if there is no physical interaction the game is not a true sport. They are wrong. Tennis and golf are two very strenuous sports.

In tennis one must possess split-second thinking and moving abilities. The sport requires hand-eye coordination and flexibility. Golf, on the other hand, is similar to miniature golf which many can agree is difficult enough! For instance, what does a person do after they hit the little neon blue ball into the little water hole after it slammed into the windmill and went flying, leaving the people waiting behind in hysterics? Most would stare at the incident in amazement and then say, "I meant to do that!"

Now, if that was a real golf course stretching over acres of land, there may not have been windmills, but there are plenty of things of off which to bounce a golf ball such as: trees, a golf cart, or an opponents head. The

point brought out in this little article is why neglect the not-so-physical sports just because they are not-so physical? Next time a football player or softball player

receives a broken bone or a cut face because of the sports physical aspects, the advice of looking into less physical sports should be given.

## Could This Be A New Sport?



T. Rob Brown

**Showing his table tennis expertise is sophomore Andy Stauffer.**

At Missouri Southern there are many enjoyable activities available after class hours. One of these activities involves two players, a table, two wooden paddles, and a little plastic ball. This activity is called table tennis (or ping-pong).

There are ping-pong tables at several locations around campus. There are some on the first floor of Billingsly Student Center, Blaine Hall (formerly North Hall), and the basement of Stegge Hall (formerly Apartment B). Ping-pong is a sport to some and an enjoyable activity to others.

There is no varsity table tennis team at Southern, but it may happen someday if this trend of constant play by students continues.

### GOLF SCORES (TEAM)

Baker University  
#1= 320  
#2= 324

MSSC Fall Classic  
#1= 301  
#2= 305

William Jewell  
#1= 304  
#2= 313

MSSC Fall Invitational  
#1= 342  
#2= 341

Drury College  
#1= 332

### TENNIS SCORES (Team)

Labette County  
7-2

Drury College  
8-1

Rockhurst  
7-2

SENIOR PICTURES!



Kathy  
McMullen

Anthony  
Miller

Wendi  
Mitchell

Mary  
Monroe

Valerie  
Mooney

Bert  
Nichols

Raelene  
Nichols

Jeffrey  
Oxford



# RUN With It

In spite of 14 of its 16 members being freshman or sophomore runners, and many of the experienced team members suffering from injuries or illnesses, the Missouri Southern Cross-Country team fared well this season.

The Lions and Lady Lions began their season with the University of Tulsa Invitational, a meet they have never competed in before. They ended six meets later, when they competed in the NCAA Great Lakes Regional Championship held at Southern.

Highlights from the two

months of competition include Rhonda Cooper, Lady Lion captain, and Higinio Covarrubias, Lion captain, being named MIAA Conference Players of the Week during the week of September 13. Cooper went on to snatch the honor the following week. Other highlights were the breaking of Southern records by Cooper and Covarrubias, plus hosting the Jock's Nitch Southern Stampede and the Great Lakes Regional Championship.

Throughout the season Head Coach Tom Rutledge said he wanted both teams to build con-

fidence in their running capabilities. "I believe both teams did gain confidence," said Rutledge. "The men's side especially, who had no actual long-distance runners, made improvements because the half-miler runners had to exceed their running limits in races and that built up their confidence levels."

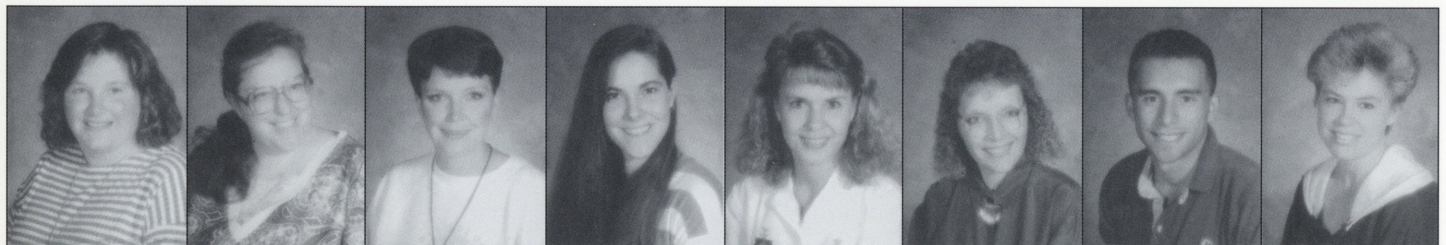
"Overall I was disappointed

that we [the Lions and Lady Lions] finished 6th in the conference, but I can't blame the runners for that since much of it was due to the injuries we sustained on both the men's and women's teams," Rutledge said. "There are good sides about the season that do stand out and one of them is the influence the younger members had on the team overall."



Photo courtesy of Larry Meacham

SENIOR PICTURES!



RheaLynn  
Passmore

Dawn  
Patillo

Virginia  
Patterson

Melissa  
Pefferman

Donna  
Platner

Deanna  
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Ras

Joyce  
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# Dedications

## Mr. Elvin Ummel

BY KAYLEA HUTSON

Missouri Southern lost a friend and leader when Elvin Ummel, a member of the Board of Regents, died October 18, 1993.

Ummel, 71, died at Freeman Hospital following a bout with cancer. He was a life-long resident from Jasper County, where he worked as a dairy farmer.

Ummel was elected to a two-year term in 1964 to the original Board of Trustees of the Jasper County Junior College District.

He was re-elected in 1966 and 1972.

"He was among those individuals who worked very hard to establish the four-year college," said College President Julio Leon. "I understand that people would stop by his house and thank him for his efforts. He was one of those visionary people Missouri Southern. When you think of Elvin Ummel, you think of Missouri Southern and vice versa," Crandall said. "He had a real concern and liked to look at what the



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bottom line was for students. He didn't want to do anything to hurt students."

*Crossroads: The Magazine* sends its condolences to the family and friends of the two deceased alumni members, Mr. Ummel and Mrs. Wilson, this page is dedicated to. The magazine staff felt the alumni deserved to be mentioned and gratitude paid to them for their involvement at Missouri Southern State College. They will be missed by the college and its administration as well as the students they touched while here.



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## Mrs. Diana Wilson

BY KAYLEA HUTSON

Wife, mother, teacher, friend, in these roles Diana Wilson touched many people during her lifetime. At Missouri Southern she reached not only faculty members, but also students through her job as director of the multi-purpose building and the intramural sports program. Wilson, 44, died of a rare form of cancer on June 29, 1993.

"She had a very serious disease," said Mike Wilson, Diana's husband. "but she never com-

plained. She never asked 'Why me?' but just asked 'How can I beat this disease? Even on her last day she was trying to lift her leg to exercise. She tried to sit up even when taking her last breath. She never quit fighting this disease.'

Diana Wilson was born June 6, 1949, in Independence, Mo. She graduated in 1967 from Van Horn High School in Kansas City. She joined the staff at Southern in 1990. In addition to her duties as director of intramurals, she was also a swimming instructor.

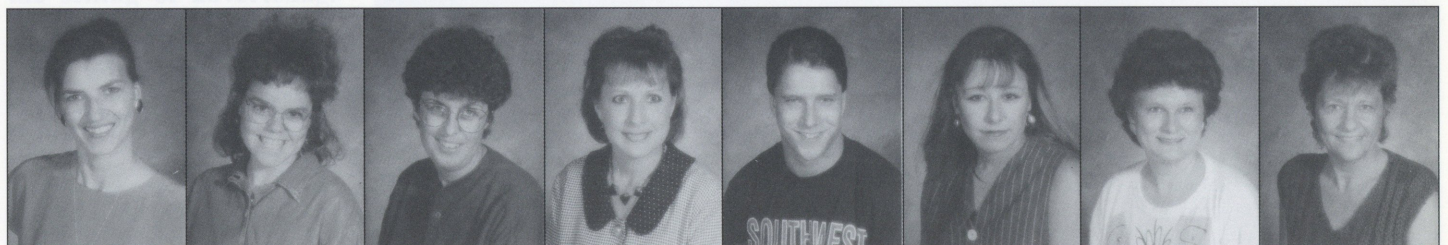
"We greatly appreciate Mis-

souri Southern's faculty, staff, and students. As a family, I just can't say that enough," Mike Wilson said.

A Diana Wilson Memorial Scholarship, in memory of her dedication to her job, will fund a student assistant position in the intramural program. Approximately \$1,000 has been donated at this time.

Sallie Beard, women's athletics director, remembered her fondly. "When you mention Diana Wilson, the first thing I think of is energetic," Beard said. "She put a lot of energy into everything she did."

### SENIOR PICTURES!



Gail  
Reynolds

Dianna  
Riggen

Karen  
Robinson

Joni  
Rowe

Lawence  
Seneker

Jennifer  
Sexton

Janet  
Sherwood

Gloria  
Skelton



# WESLEY FOUNDATION

Reaching out to the community through music and testimony is one way the Wesley Foundation is ministering to the people of the area. Established in 1987, Wesley on Wheels (W.O.W.) is a student led ministry.

"Wesley on Wheels is a way for us to minister to the people," said Craig Smith, Wesley music director. "It's also a way for us to show the Methodist Church what they are sponsoring at



Rob Lundien

[Missouri] Southern." Smith explained that the ministry involves a vocal program put on

by the Wesley choir and an instrumental performance put on by the Wesley ensemble. Both groups contain about 20 members.

The ministry also involves students giving personal testimonies. They speak on what Wesley means to them and what God has done in their lives. All of the members participate in the ministry. They designate a couple of Sundays out of the semester to give programs at the local churches.

Wesley member, Darren Downing said, "Times can be tough during college". Wesley helps him cope with the many problems encountered in his life. "It has helped us reach out to others plus show our sponsors that we are continuing our faith in college" Downing said.

## Single Parent Support Organization (SPSO)

CELESTE TARRANT-  
BIANCALANA

On Missouri Southern's campus there are clubs, and groups for students of all walks of life. That is, all but the single parent student.

Being a single mother of one, as well as a student, I found that I had needs that none of these groups could fulfill. My stresses, fears about college, homework, bills, and baby-sitters, among other things, were slightly different from those of the traditional and married students. I felt out of place.

After talking to a few other single parent students, I knew I was not alone. I decided the only way to solve our "club" dilemma was to create one spe-

cifically for the single parent students on campus, namely the Single Parent Support Organization (SPSO).

SPSO's main purpose is to provide moral support for single parent students. (I have found it helps us all to unload on our peers who really understand where we're coming from.) As a group, we try to help one another with all kinds of problems that arise during each semester. SPSO is there to help with the obstacles our single parents may face on their journey through college.

If you are a single parent student and would like to know more about us, please call Celeste at 673-5891 or 625-9596 and leave your name and number. I look forward to hearing from you.

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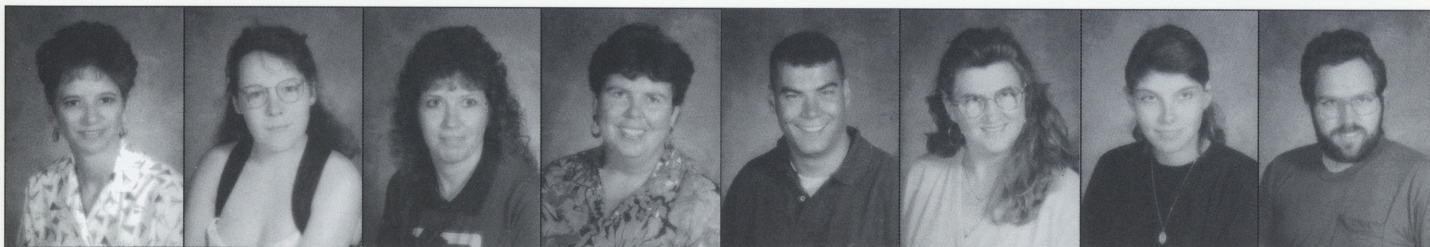
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# Editor's Column

## WE WANT & NEED YOUR HELP!

Crossroads: The Magazine is looking for a few good people. There are staff positions open in the following areas...

LAYOUT AND DESIGN

ADVERTISING

WRITING

PHOTOGRAPHY

CIRCULATION

Any student interested in these or any other publication oriented position can contact Debra Schow (ext. 596) or Jean Campbell (ext. 668).

### SENIOR PICTURES!



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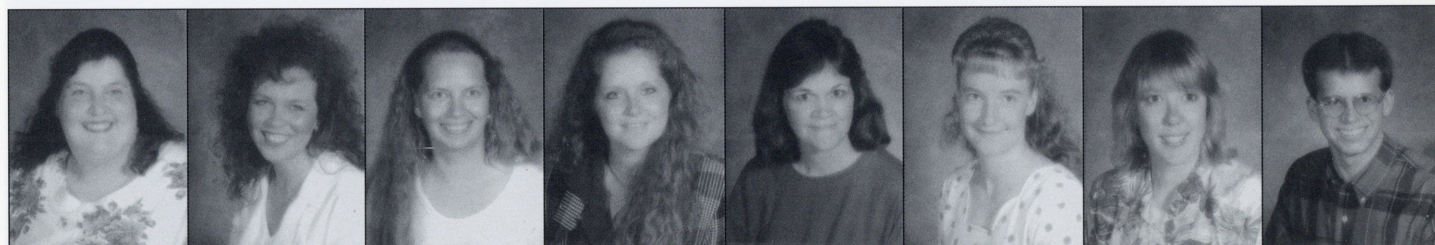
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## COMMENTS?

WRITE TO:

*Crossroads: The Magazine*  
Attn: Debra Schow, Editor  
3950 E. Newman Road  
Joplin, Missouri 64801

When I was asked last semester as a freshman to be the editor of *Crossroads* I turned it down. There were numerous reasons why I said no, but the main one was I felt I was not experienced enough in both the responsibilities and requirements of an editor to take on the job.

After thinking it over and finally deciding to take the position I still feel like I am not experienced enough to be the editor, but I am learning what obstacles are in my way and how to overcome them.

I know that what the *Crossroads* staff and I have done in this issue will not please everyone, but that wasn't our goal. Our goal was to publish a quality quarterly magazine for the students of Missouri Southern.

However, to do this properly we need your input.

There are probably aspects you like and do not like in this issue, and since we are publishing this for the students it is our obligation to listen and then try to meet your expectations.

So, this is how it works. You, after picking out the portions



you like or dislike of this issue, can write a letter (either formal or informal) and send it to *Crossroads: The Magazine* in care of the editor.

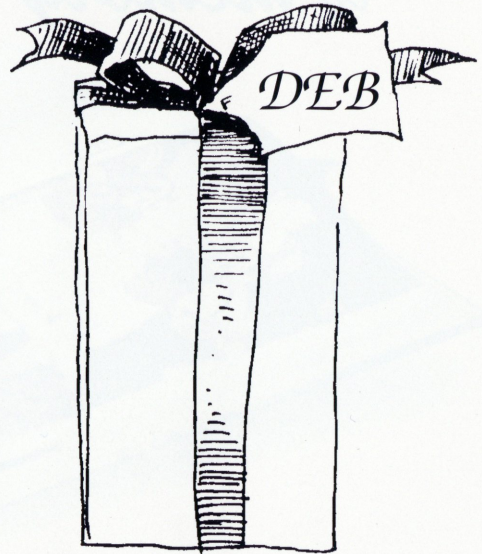
I will read each letter and note any suggestions made. I can not guarantee what will happen after that, but your comments will be noted and made aware of. It may turn out that *Crossroads: The Magazine* will receive a face-lift.



*Merry Christmas*

*To:*

*Students,  
Faculty /Staff*



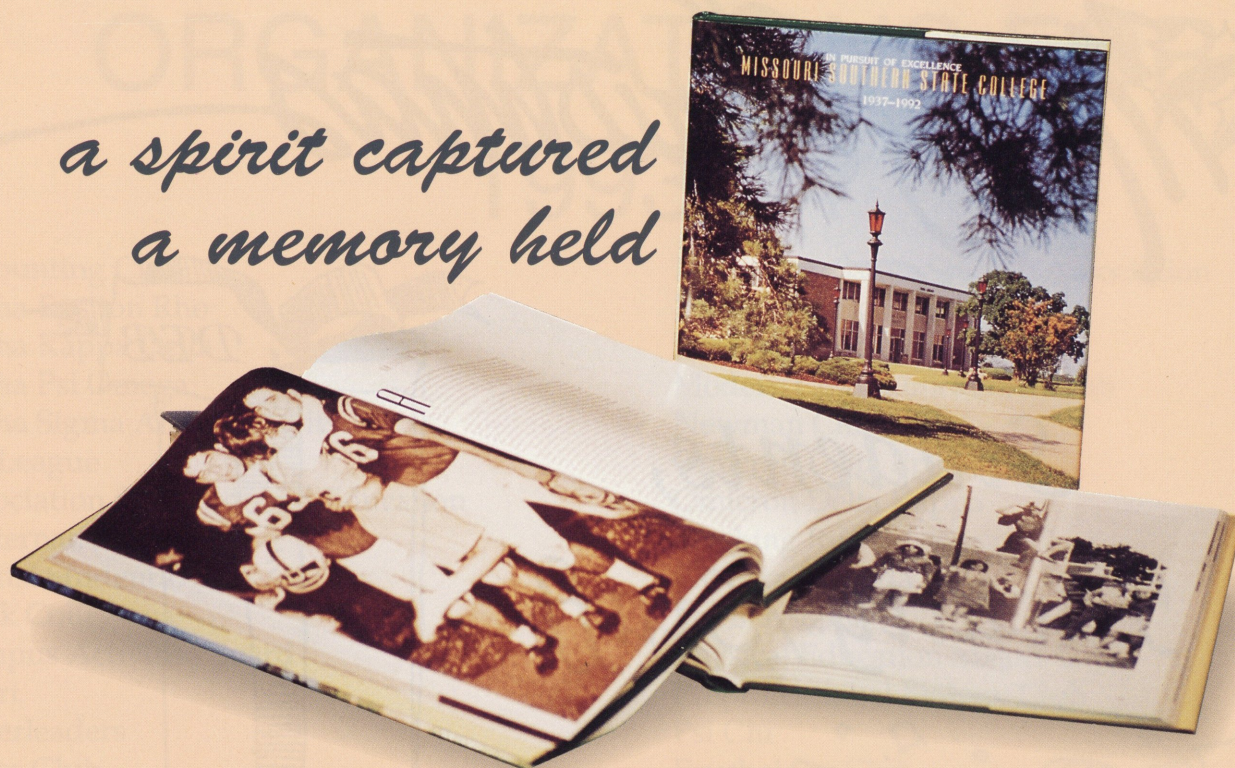
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